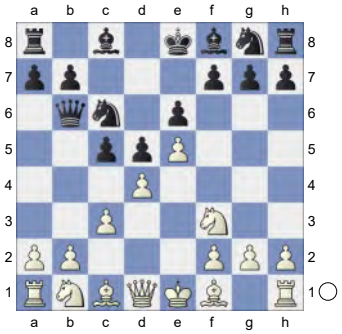
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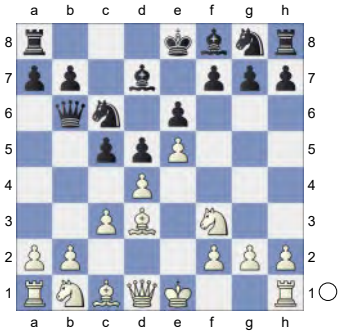
Chess Notes 2025

1 **C02**
□ **BrightFalcon** **2890**
■ **derdo2121** **2754**
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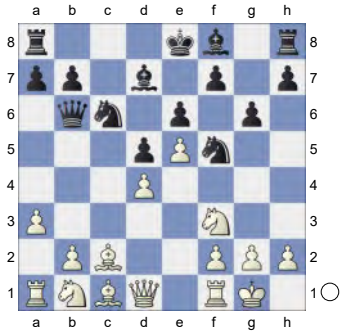
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6.Bd3 Bd7

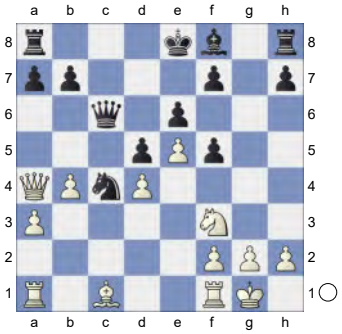


7.Bc2 -0.16/23
[White should play 7.dxc5!± 0.76/20 Bxc5 8.Qe2]
7...Nh6 0.35/25
[7...cxd4= -0.16/23 8.cxd4 Nb4]
8.a3 cxd4
[8...a5 9.0-0 Be7 10.b3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nf5 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.Nc3 Be6 14.Ne2 h6 15.h4 g6 16.g3 Qd8 17.Kg2 g5 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.Rh1 Rg8 20.Qd3 Kd7 21.Bd2 Qb6 22.Kf1 f4 23.gxf4 1-0 (42) Dvoirys,S (2525)-Ikonnikov,V (2480) USSR 53/162 1991]
9.cxd4 g6N 1.03/25
[9...Nf5± 0.32/22 10.Bxf5 exf5 11.Nc3 Be6 12.0-0 h6 *(12...Be7 13.b4 0-0 14.Be3 Rac8 15.Rc1 a6 16.Ne2 a5 17.bxa5 Nxa5 18.Rb1 Qa6 19.a4 Nc4 20.Nf4 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Rc3 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Rb3 Rc4 24.Nd2 Rxa4 25.Rxb7 Qxb7 26.Qxa4 Bg5 27.Qa3* ½-½ (57) Zhuge,A (1575)-Yuksel,U Wch U08 Girls 2024 (4)*)* 13.b4 *(13.h4 Be7 14.Ne2 0-0-0 15.b4 Kb8 16.Bf4 Rdg8 17.Qd2 Qd8 18.Qc3 g5 19.Bd2 a6 20.Rfc1 Qb6 21.Ne1 gxh4 22.Nd3 Rg4 23.Ndf4* French Advanced-5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cd4 Survey 2022*)* 13...Be7 14.Na4 Qb5 15.Nc5 a5 19) Advance - 6.a3-7. Bd3 cxd4 8.cxd4 #2]
[9...g5 10.h3 Nf5 11.Bxf5 exf5 12.Bxg5 Qxb2 13.Nbd2 Qb5 14.Rb1 Qa6 15.Qb3 Be6 16.Qxb7 Qxb7 17.Rxb7 Bxa3 18.Bf6 0-0 19.Rb3 Bb4 20.Ng5 Rfb8 21.Rd3 h6 22.h4 Bc8 23.Kd1 f4 24.e6 0-1 (52) Lauberte,M (2294)-Alex Geerjanan,N (2489) Belgrade (Game 5) 2007 (7)]
10.0-0 0.64/20
[10.Nc3± 1.03/25]
10...Nf5±

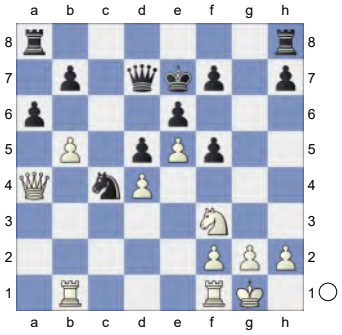


11.Bxf5 gxf5 12.Nc3 Na5 13.b4 Nc4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Qc6

(Diagram)

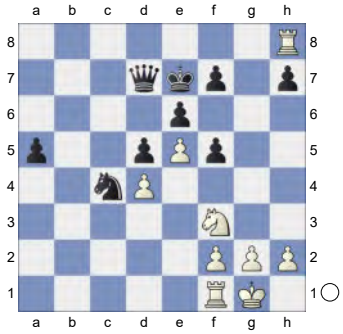


16.b5 Qd7 17.Bd2 0.18/21
[17.Qb3± 0.55/21 deserves consideration.]
17...a6= 18.Rab1 -0.97/22
[18.Rfb1= 0.18/21 keeps the balance.]
18...Bxa3 -0.16/22
[18...Nxa3∓ -0.97/22 19.Ra1 Nxb5]
19.Bg5 Be7 20.Bxe7 Kxe7

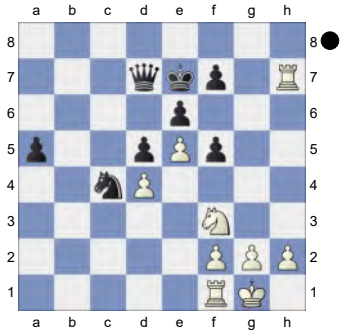


21.Qb4+ Ke8 White must now prevent ... Qd7xb5. **22.bxa6 bxa6 23.Qb8+?** -1.67/23 **Rxb8-+ 24.Rxb8+ Ke7?** 2.08/19 A mistake that costs the game.
[24...Qd8!∓ -1.46/23 keeps the pressure on. 25.Rfb1 Kd7 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8]
25.Rxh8+- a5 3.04/23
[25...Qb5 2.05/25 was necessary. 26.h4 Qb2]

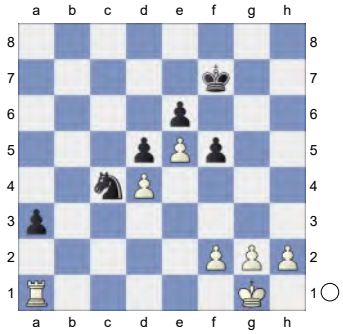
(Diagram)



26.Rxh7

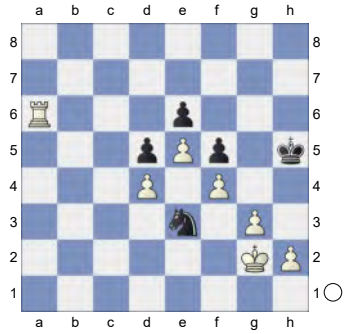


And now Nf3-g5 would win. **26...a4** 3.20/20
[26...Qc8 1.98/21 was worth a try.]
27.Ng5 Kf8 7.04/20
[27...Qb5 3.18/20 28.Rxf7+ Ke8]
28.Rxf7+ White is clearly winning.
28...Qxf7 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 Endgame. KR-KN **30.Ra1 a3**

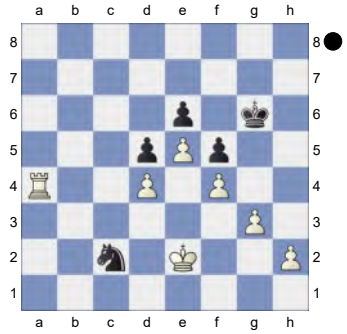


31.f4 Kg6 32.g3 Nd2 33.Rxa3 Kh5 34.Kg2 Nc4 35.Ra6 Ne3+

(Diagram)



36.Kf3 Nc2 37.Ra4
[Inferior is 37.Rxe6 Nxd4+ 38.Kg2 Nxe6∓]
37...Kg6 38.Ke2

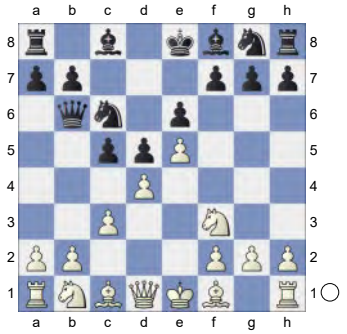


Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.66
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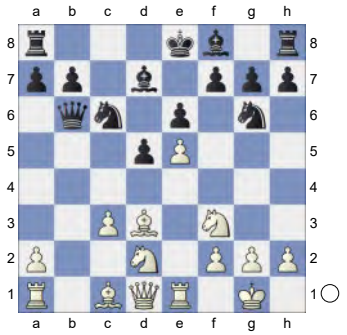
2 **C02**
☐ **BrittaBagels** **2891**
■ **grispeck** **2673**
Blitz 29.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Ng6**



11.Nb3
[11.h4 Bc5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Bb6 14.Qe2 Na5 15.h5 Ne7 16.h6 gxh6 17.Bxh6 Nc4 18.Bf4 Ng6 19.Bg3 h5 20.Bxc4 Qxc4 21.Qd2 h4 22.Bh2 h3 23.g3 Qg4 24.Qd3 Nf4 25.Qd1 Rc8 0-1 (30) Thake,C (1846)-Merriman,J (2215) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (7)]
11...Qc7
[11...Be7 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Nbd4 a6 15.g3 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bb5 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Rxb5 Ra4 19.Be3 Rfa8 20.Reb1 Rxa2 21.Rxb7 Qxb7 22.Qxa2 Qc8 23.Qb3 h6 24.Kg2 Bf8 25.Bd2 Ne7 26.Bb4 (50) Blomqvist,E (2535)-Iskusnyh,S (2473) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 150/(91) 2021]
12.Nbd4N -0.91/21
[12.Qe2= 0.11/22 keeps the balance.

Be7 *(12...f6 13.Bxg6+ hxg6 14.Qd3 0-0-0 15.Bf4 g5 16.Bg3 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Bxe5 Bd6 19.Qg3 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Rh4 21.Nd4 Rdh8 22.h3 g4 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nf4 Qb2 25.Rae1 gxh3 26.Nxd5 Rc4 27.R5e2* 1-0 (29) Payne,M (2104)-Dong,B (2361) Cambridge op 2023 (5) *)* 13.Nbd4 a6 14.Rb1 Na5 15.g3 Nc4 16.h4 Nf8 17.Bf4 h6 18.Nf5 Rg8 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.exd6 Qc8 22.Ne5 b5 23.Qh5 g6 24.Qxh6 f6 25.Ng4 Qd8 26.Re3 Bc6 27.Rbe1 1-0 (30) Paichadze,L (2515)-Ikramul,H (2117) Indore op 1st 2023 (1) Bd5 28.Rd1 Bc6 29.d7+ Kf7 30.Bg5 1-0 Posizione (2515)-Hansen,E (2117) Soviet Union 1950 (1)]

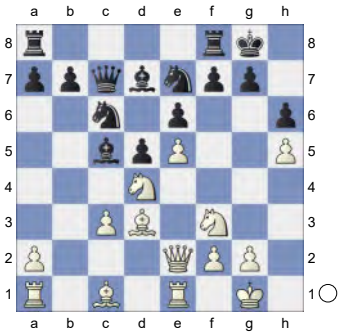
12...Bc5 0.12/20

[12...Ngxe5 13.Nb5 Qa5 14.Bf4∓]

[12...Ncxe5∓ -0.91/21 13.Nb5 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Qb6]

13.Qe2= White has compensation.

13...0-0 14.h4 Black should prevent h4-h5. **14...h6 15.h5 Nge7**



16.g4 -0.46/18

[16.Bf4= 0.05/20]

16...Nxd4 0.92/20

[16...f6∓ -0.46/18 keeps the upper hand. 17.exf6 Rxf6]

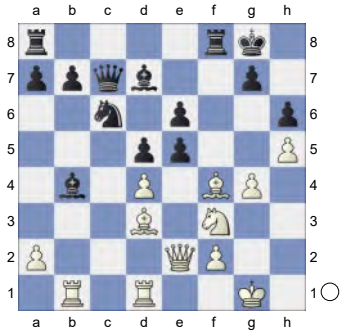
17.cxd4± Bb4 18.Rd1 Threatens to win with Ra1-b1. **18...f6 19.Rb1** 0.11/25

[19.exf6± 0.48/21 Rxf6 20.g5 hxg5 21.Bxg5]

19...Nc6= 20.Bf4

[20.exf6 feels hotter. Rxf6 21.g5 hxg5 22.Bxg5 Raf8 23.Bxf6 Rxf6 24.Ng5]

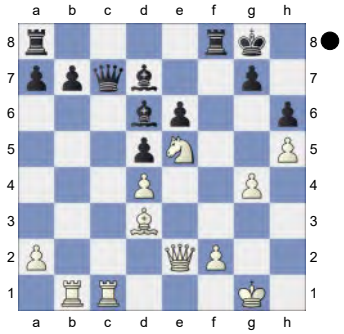
20...fxe5



21.Bxe5 Nxe5

[21...Bd6 simplifies 22.Rxb7 Nxe5 23.Rxc7 Nxf3+ 24.Qxf3 Rxf3 25.Rxd7 Bb4]

22.Nxe5 Bd6 23.Rdc1↑



Deflection. White has the initiative.

23...Qd8

[Wrong is 23...Bc6? 24.Nxc6 bxc6 25.Qxe6+ Qf7 *(25...Kh8? 26.Qg6+-)* 26.Bf5 *(26.Qxd6? Qxf2+ 27.Kh1 Qf3+ 28.Kh2 Qxd3-+)* 26...Qxe6 27.Bxe6+ Kh8 28.Rxc6+-]

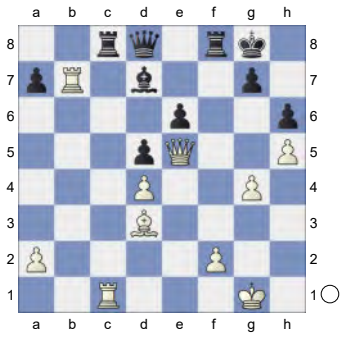
24.Rxb7 Bxe5? 2.06/20

[24...Qg5= 0.01/24 and Black is okay. 25.Rc3 Be8]

25.Qxe5+- Rc8? 4.90/24

[25...Qh4± 1.29/20 is tougher. 26.Qg3 *(26.Rxd7 Qxf2+ 27.Kh1 Qf3+ 28.Kh2 Qf2+ 29.Kh1 Qf3+*

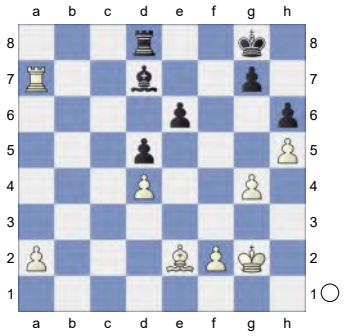
30.Kh2 Qf2+ 31.Kh1=) 26...Qxg3+ 27.fxg3 Rfc8 28.Rxc8+ Bxc8]



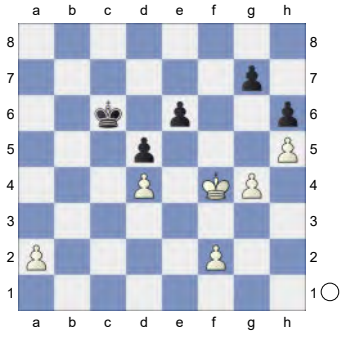
Loses the game. **26.Rxc8** White is clearly winning. **26...Qxc8 27.Rxa7 Qc1+ 28.Kg2 Qd2 29.Qe2**

[Stronger than 29.Rxd7 Qxf2+ 30.Kh1 Qh4+ 31.Qh2 Qxg4=]

29...Qxe2 30.Bxe2 Endgame. KRB-KRB **30...Rd8**

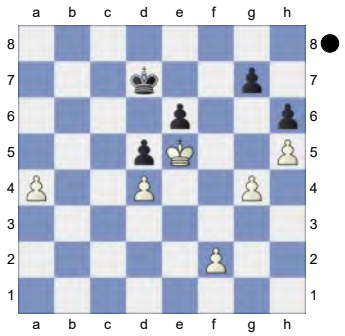


31.Kg3 Kf7 32.Bb5 Ke7 33.Rxd7+ Rxd7 34.Bxd7 Kxd7 35.Kf4 Kc6



36.Ke5 Kd7 37.a4

(Diagram)



Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.56

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3 **C02**

□ **OnePysy** **2748**

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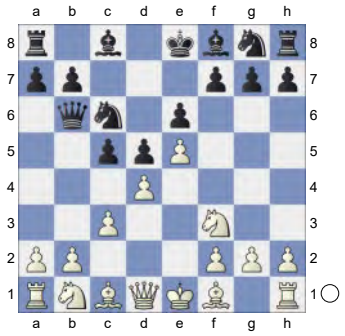
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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.21/20

[7.dxc5!± 0.71/23 Bxc5 8.0-0]

7...cxd4= 8.Re1 dxc3 9.Nxc3 a6

White is slightly better. **10.a3N** 0.06/24

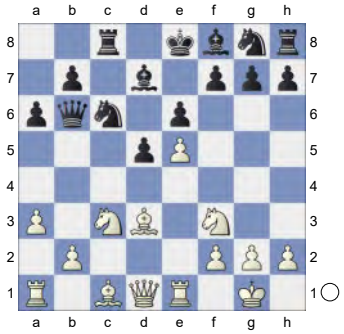
[10.Be3± 0.54/21 Qc7 *(10...Qd8 11.Rc1 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 Qb8 14.Ned4 Nge7 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxe5 18.f4 Qf6 19.Rc7 g6 20.Nf3 Rg8 21.Qc1 Nf5 22.Rxd7 Nxe3 23.Qc6* ½-½ Delgado

Ramirez,N (2562)-Pichot,A (2634) Florianopolis op 9th 2023 (10); *10...d4 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Bc2 Bc5 13.Ne4* 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline) 11.Rc1 Nge7 12.Bc5 Ng6 13.Bd6 Bxd6 14.Nxd5 Qa5 15.Bxg6 Qxd5 16.Qxd5 exd5 17.exd6+ Be6 18.Rxe6+ Kd7 19.Bxf7 Rhf8 20.Ne5+ Nxe5 21.Rc7+ Kd8 22.Rxe5 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Kxc8 24.Re8+ Rxe8 25.Bxe8 Kd8 26.Bf7 1-0 (37) Leve,N (2128)-Sydykov,B (2268) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (1)]

[10.Ng5 Nh6 11.Nxh7 0-0-0 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Na4 Qa7 14.Bxe7 Nxe7 15.Rc1+ Kb8 16.Nc5 Bb5 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Ng5 b6 19.Nb3 Qa4 20.Nd4 Rc8 21.Qd3 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Ng4 23.Nxf7 Rxh2 24.Qc3 Qc4 1-0 (34) Bodnaruk,A (2378)-Khlichkova,T (2191) RUS-ch Rapid (Women) 2022 (3)]

10...Rc8 0.94/21

[10...Bc5= 0.06/24 remains equal.]



11.Rb1 -0.45/20 White is more active.

[11.Be3!± 0.94/21 Qd8 12.Na4]

11...Bc5∓ 12.Qe2 -1.18/25

[12.Qd2∓ -0.35/24]

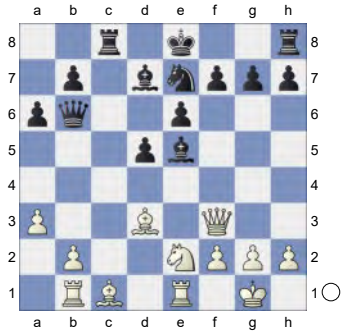
12...Nd4∓ 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 Discovered Attack **14.Qf3 Ne7!**

[14...Bxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.Qg4±]

15.Ne2 -2.43/22

[15.Qg3∓ -1.07/20 was called for.]

15...Bxe5-+



16.Be3 Qb3 17.Rbd1 -2.87/21

[⌓17.Bg5 -1.84/21 Bb8 *(17...Bxb2 18.Bc1=)* 18.Nf4]

17...Bc6

[But not 17...Qxb2 18.Bc1 Qb3 19.h4-+]

18.Nd4 Qxb2 19.Nxc6 -2.47/22

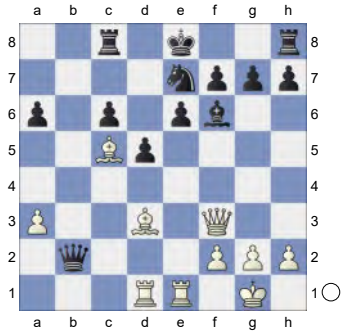
[19.Re2 -1.90/20 is a better defense. Qxa3 20.Bc1]

19...bxc6? -0.79/18

[Much less strong is 19...Rxc6 20.Bc1 Qc3 21.Bd2]

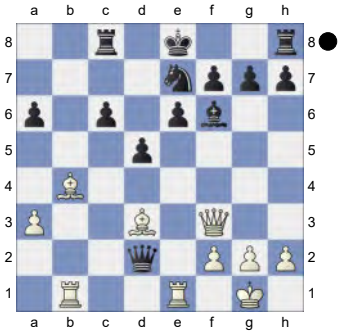
[19...Nxc6-+ -2.47/22 is more deadly. 20.Bc5 Rc7]

20.Bc5∓ Bf6

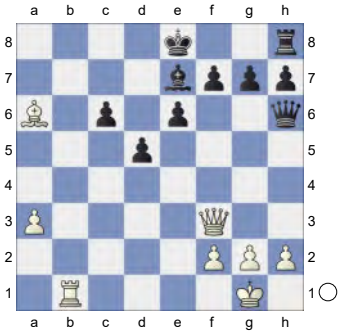


21.Rb1 Qd2 22.Bb4

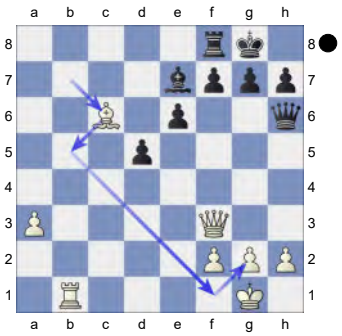
(Diagram)



This pair of bishops is nice. **22...Qh6** -0.28/20
[22...Qg5!∓ -0.83/26 aiming for ...c6-c5. 23.Bxa6 Ra8]
23.Bxa6= Rb8 24.Bxe7 -0.59/24
[Better is 24.a4!= 0.00/22]
24...Rxb1!∓ 25.Rxb1 Bxe7

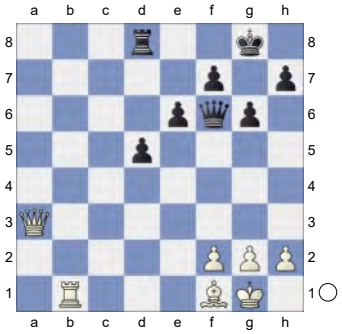


26.Bb7 -1.85/21
[26.Rb8+∓ -0.63/23 Bd8 27.Qc3]
26...0-0-+ Threatens to win with ...Qh6-d2. **27.Bxc6**

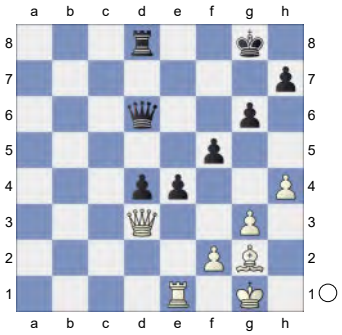


Bxa3?? 1.82/19 **28.Qxa3+- Qf6 29.Bb5 g6 30.Bf1 Rd8**

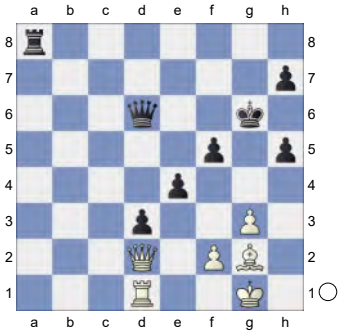
(Diagram)



31.g3 d4 2.32/21
[31...h5 1.66/21 was worth a try. 32.Rb3 Rd7]
32.Qd3 e5 2.71/21
[⌓32...h5 1.68/21 33.Rb3 Kg7]
33.Re1 Hoping for Qd3-b5. **33...Qd6**
34.Bg2 f5 35.h4 1.00/20
[⌓35.g4 1.59/22]
35...e4±



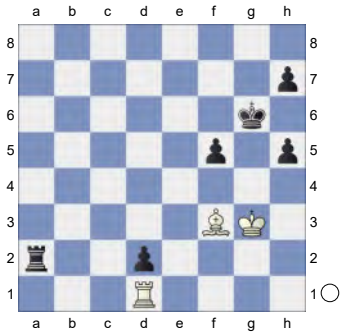
36.Qc4+ Kg7 37.Rd1 0.29/22
[White should try 37.Kh2± 0.78/20]
37...d3= 38.h5 gxh5 39.Qc3+ Kg6 40.Qd2 Ra8



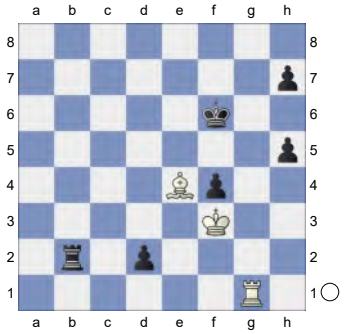
Against Rd1-a1 **41.f3** 0.00/35
[41.Rb1± 0.57/20]
41...exf3 42.Bxf3

[42.Qxd3 simplifies Qxd3 43.Rxd3 fxg2 44.Kxg2 Ra4 45.Kf3]

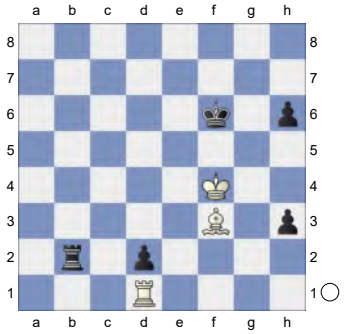
42...Qxg3+ 43.Qg2 Some like it hot **43...Qxg2+ 44.Kxg2** Endgame. KRB-KR **44...Ra2+ 45.Kg3 d2**



46.Kf2 f4 47.Bd5 Rb2 48.Be4+ Kh6 49.Kf3 Kg5 50.Rg1+ Kf6

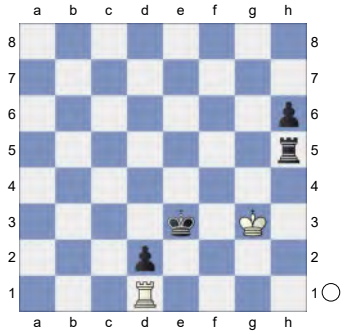


51.Kxf4 Rb4 52.Rd1 Rb2 53.Ke3 h4 54.Kf4 h6 55.Bf3 h3

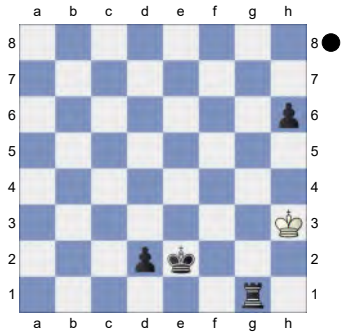


56.Kg3 Ke5 57.Kxh3 Kf4 58.Kg2 Ke3 59.Bh5 Rb5 60.Kg3? -11.82/23 **Rxh5-+**

(Diagram)



61.Kg4 Black mates. **61...Rg5+ 62.Kh4 Ke2 63.Rg1 Rxg1 64.Kh3**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.39/ Black=0.25 (precise) . An unexpected result.

½-½

4 **C02**

□ **JohnBrondtHojlund** **2917**

■ **Kos1189** **2715**

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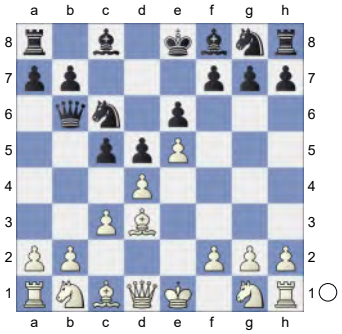
[Kitty Kat]

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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Bd3 Nc6

(Diagram)



6.Nf3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7! 8.a3N -0.66/24

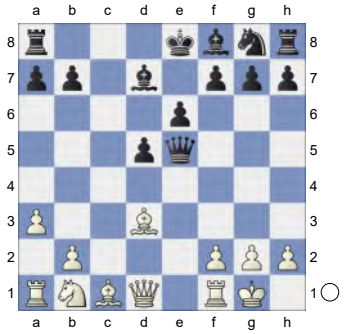
[Better is 8.Be2= 0.00/22]

[8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 *(9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Re1 b6 14.Be3 Qxb2 15.Qg4 Ng6 16.Rab1 Qc3 17.Bf1 0-0 18.Bd4 Qc2 19.Rb3 Rac8 20.Rh3 Qd2 21.Rd1 Qf4 22.Qh5 h6 23.Be3 Qxe5* 0-1 (29) Smerdon,D-Sadler,M BCF-chT 1314 (4NCL) 2014 (8.112) *)* 9...Qxd4 10.Nc3 *(10.Re1 Ne7 11.Nc3 Nc6 12.Nb5 Qb6 13.Be3 d4 14.Bf4 a6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 0-0 17.Rb1 Rfe8 18.h3 e5 19.Bg3 Qb4 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qh6 Qxd6 22.Bc4 Qf8 23.Qg5 Qg7 24.h4 e4* ½-½ (65) Italiani,L (1634)-Sobirov,F (1487) Wch U12 Montesilvano 2024 (5)*)* 10...a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Bc5 *(14...Nxd3 15.Rxd3 Qc4 16.b3 Qc7 17.f5 Bb4 18.Bb2 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Bc6 20.Rac1 exf5 21.e6 0-0 22.Rg3 f6 23.e7 Rf7 24.Bxf6 Qd6 25.Ba1 Qxe7 26.Qb2 f4 27.Rh3 Re8 28.Rg1 Qe4 29.Qf2* 0-1 (35) Baersch,A-Uhlmann,W DDR-ch 21st Görlitz 1972 (13) *)* 15.Bxa6 Qf2 4) Vorstoßvariante-4C | Vorstoßvariante mit 6.L]

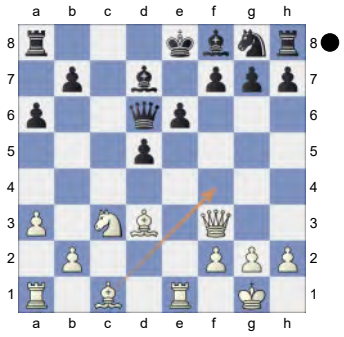
8...Nxd4∓ 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.0-0 -1.68/20

[10.Qe2∓ -0.87/24]

10...Qxe5-+



11.Re1 Qd6 12.Nc3 a6 Against Nc3-b5 **13.Qf3**



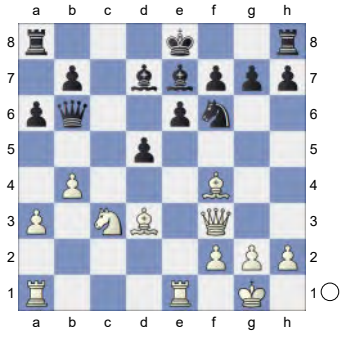
Bc1-f4! would now be deadly. **13...Nf6** -0.75/19

[Black should try 13...Be7 -1.54/20 Hoping for ...Ng8-f6. 14.Bf4 Qb6]

14.Bf4∓ Qb6 ...Bf8-d6 is the strong threat. **15.b4** -2.07/21 This costs White the game.

[15.Nxd5∓ -0.83/17 is the only way for White. Nxd5 16.Qxd5]

15...Be7

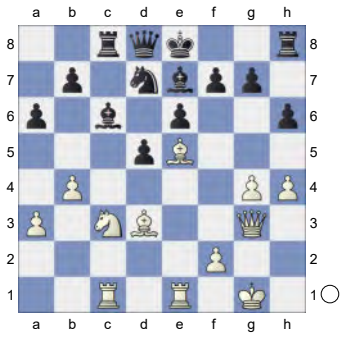


16.g4 h6 17.Be5 -2.27/17

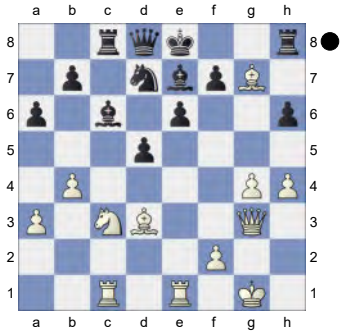
[17.h4 -1.74/19 is a better defense.]

17...Rc8-+ 18.Rac1 Qd8 19.h4 Bc6

20.Qg3 -2.71/20
[⌓20.b5 -1.83/15 axb5 21.Nxb5]
20...Nd7

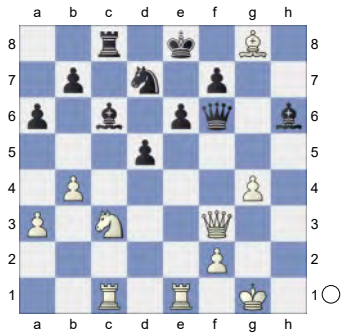


21.Bxg7

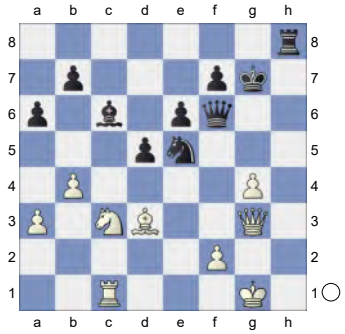


Rg8
[21...Bxh4 22.Rxe6+ fxe6 23.Bg6+ Ke7 24.Qxh4+ Kd6 25.Qg3+ Ke7 26.Re1=]
22.Bxh6 -3.26/18
[22.Rxe6 -1.96/19 was the only chance. Rxg7 23.Rxh6]
22...Bxh4 23.Qf3 Bg5 24.Bh7 -4.52/20
[24.Qf5 -3.00/20 might work better. Bxh6 25.Rxe6+ fxe6 26.Qxe6+ Kf8 27.Qxh6+ Rg7 28.Nxd5 Decoy Bxd5 29.Qd6+ Ke8 30.Re1+ Re7 31.Rxe7+ Qxe7 32.Qxd5 Rc1+ 33.Kg2]
24...Bxh6 25.Bxg8 Qf6

(Diagram)

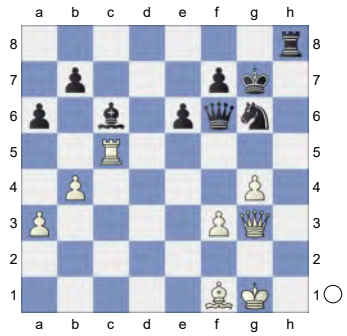


26.Qh3 Bxc1 27.Rxc1 Kf8 28.Bh7 Kg7 29.Bd3 -6.66/19
[⌓29.Qg3 -4.45/17 Qh6 *(29...Kxh7? 30.g5-+)* 30.Ne2]
29...Rh8 30.Qg3 Ne5

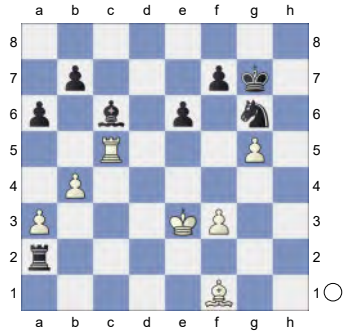


31.Be2 d4 32.f3 dxc3 33.Rxc3 Ng6 (-> ...Qf6-d4+) **34.Rc5 Nf4** -11.82/16
[⌓34...Qd4+ -#14/16 35.Kg2 Nf4+ 36.Qxf4 Qxf4 37.Rh5 Qxg4+ 38.Kf1 Qxh5 39.f4 Qh1+ 40.Kf2 Qh4+ *(40...Rh2+ 41.Ke3 Qe4+ 42.Kd2 Rxe2+ 43.Kc3 Qe3+* Skewer *44.Kc4 Bd5#)* 41.Ke3 Rd8 42.Bf3 Qe1+ 43.Be2 Qg1#]
35.Bf1 Ng6 -7.81/16
[⌓35...Qd4+ -#8/15 36.Qf2 Rh1+ Deflection 37.Kxh1 Qxf2 38.Rc2 Qxf1+ *(38...Qxc2* gets mated. *39.Kg1 Bxf3 40.g5 Nd3 41.Be2 Qxe2 42.a4 Qg2#)* 39.Kh2 Qh3+ *(39...Qxf3* leads to mate. *40.Rb2 Qh3+ 41.Kg1 Qg3+ 42.Kf1 Bb5+ 43.Re2 Bxe2#)* 40.Kg1 Qg3+ *(40...Bxf3 41.Kf2 Nd5 42.Ke1 Qh1+ 43.Kf2 Qg2+* Skewer, Double Attack

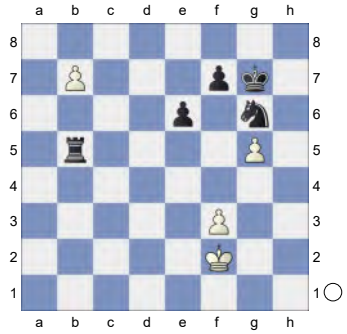
44.Ke1 Qg1+ 45.Kd2 Qe3#) 41.Kh1 Bxf3+ 42.Rg2 Qxg2#]



36.Qf2 Rd8 37.g5 Qd4 38.Qxd4+ Rxd4 39.Kf2 Rd2+ 40.Ke3 Ra2

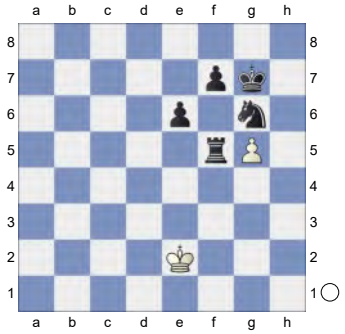


41.Bxa6 Rxa3+ 42.Kf2 Rxa6 43.b5 Ra5 44.bxc6 Rxc5 45.cxb7 Rb5
[Not 45...Rxg5 46.b8Q∓]

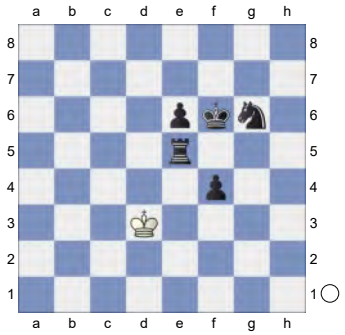


46.Ke3 Rxb7 47.f4 Rb5 Strongly threatening ...Rb5-b4. **48.Ke4 Rf5 49.Ke3 Rxf4** Black mates. **50.Ke2 Rf5**

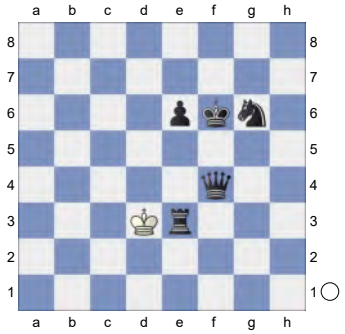
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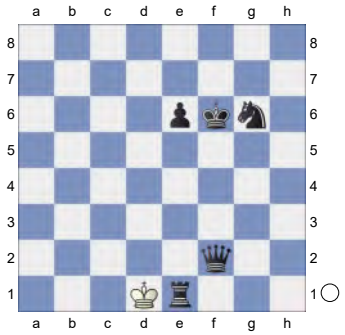
51.Ke3 Rxg5 52.Ke2 Re5+ 53.Kd3 f5 54.Kd4 Kf6 55.Kd3 f4



56.Kd4 f3 57.Kc4 f2 58.Kd4 f1Q 59.Kc3 Qf4 60.Kd3 Re3+



61.Kd2 Qf2+ 62.Kd1 Re1#

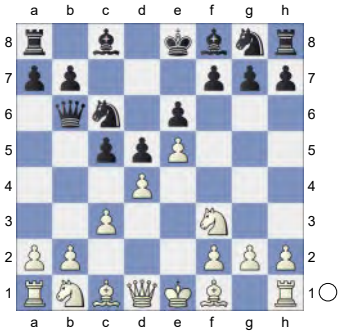


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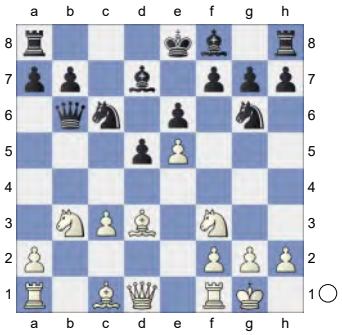
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5 **C02**
□ **Booktester** **2968**
■ **RaspFish** **2991**
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[Kitty Kat]

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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.Nf3 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.d4 Qb6

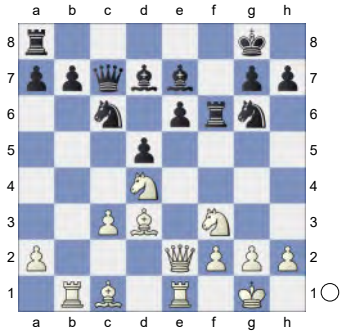


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Nbd2 Nge7 9.Nb3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Ng6

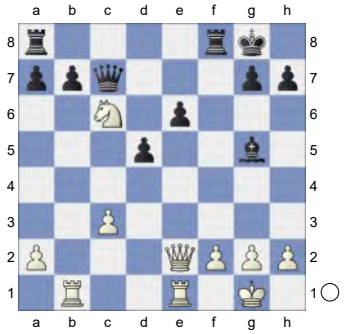


11.Re1 Qc7 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Nbd4 0-0 14.Rb1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6

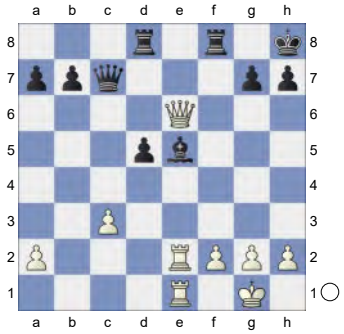
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16.Bxg6 Rxg6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6
[17...bxc6 18.Ne5±]
18.Ne5 Rf6 19.Bg5 Rff8 20.Nxc6 Bxg5

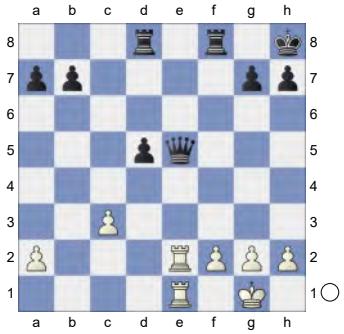


21.Qxe6+ Kh8 22.Ne5
[22.Qxd5? perishes. Bh4 *(22...Qxc6 23.Qxg5 Qxc3 24.g3=)* 23.g3 bxc6-+ *(23...Qxc6 24.Qxc6 bxc6 25.gxh4=)*]
22...Rad8 23.Re2 Inhibits Bg5-d2.
23...Bf6 24.Rbe1 Bxe5

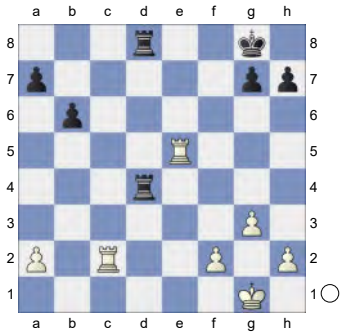


Deflection **25.Qxe5 Qxe5**

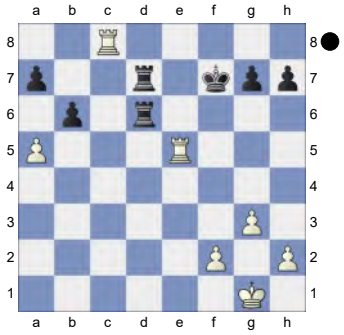
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26.Rxe5= Endgame. KRR-KRR **26...Kg8 27.g3 d4 28.cxd4 Rxd4 29.R1e2 b6 30.Rc2 Rfd8**



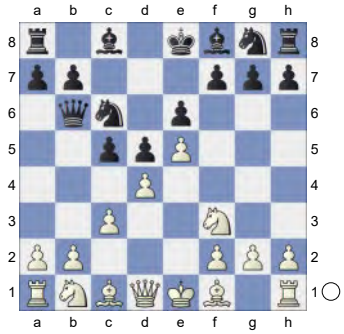
The position is equal. **31.a4 Rd2 32.Rc6 R2d6 33.Rc7 R8d7 34.Rc8+ Kf7 35.a5**



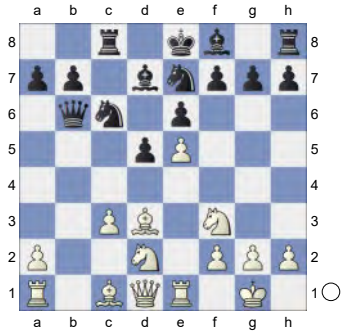
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6 **C02**
□ **StepOnMeSydneSweeney** **2728**
■ **Kos1189** **2722**
Blitz 19.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Nge7**
[10...Na5 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ne4 Ng6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ng5 Rc5 18.Ne4 Rf5 19.g4 Rd5 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxd5 Ne5 22.Rxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5 Rg8 24.Bxh7 Qh4 25.Bxg8 ½-½ (30) Cheparinov,I (2663)-Svane,F (2618) FIDE World Cup 2023 (2.2)]



11.Rb1 White has compensation. **11...Qc7 12.Nb3** 0.37/20 White is much more active.

[White should play 12.c4± 0.73/20 Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qe5 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Kf7 27.Qf6+ ½-½ (32) Merario Alarcon,A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024]

12...Ng6 13.Qe2N

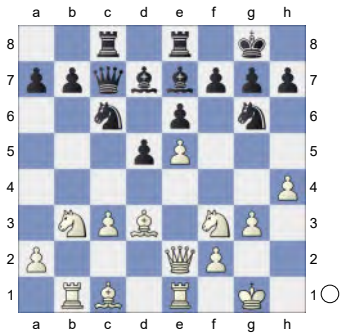
[13.Nbd4 a6 14.Qe2 Be7 15.g3 *(15.Bd2 Na5 16.g3 Ba3 17.h4 b5 18.h5 Ne7 19.h6 g6 20.Ng5 Ng8 21.Qf3 Bc6 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.h7 Qe7 24.hxg8Q+ Rxg8 25.Nh7 Rh8 26.Bg5 Rxh7 27.Bxe7 Bxe7 28.Kg2 Nc4 29.Rbd1 Rh5 ½-½ (43) Ozturk,M (1659)-Aydin,A (1704) TUR-chT 2nd League 2022 (3.7))* 15...0-0 16.h4 b5 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h5 Nh8 19.Qc2 g6 Hector,J (2465)-Brynell,S (2422) Malmoe 150/(91) 2021]

13...Be7 Wards off h2-h4 **14.g3** 0.06/20

[14.Nbd4!± 0.49/22 might be stronger.]

14...0-0= 15.h4 Rfe8 0.30/20

[15...f6∓ -0.32/17 16.exf6 gxf6 *(16...Bxf6 17.Nc5=)*]



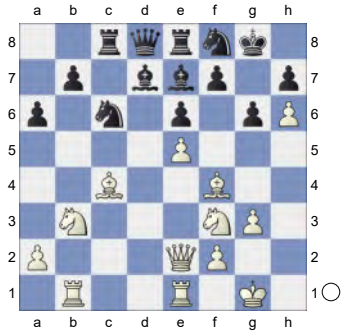
16.h5 Nf8 17.h6 And now h6xg7 would win. **17...g6 18.Bf4 Qd8 19.c4** -0.51/20

[19.Qe3± 0.48/21]

19...dxc4 0.54/18

[Better is 19...Nb4∓ -0.51/20 20.cxd5 exd5]

20.Bxc4± a6



21.Red1 b5 22.Bd3 Qb6 1.18/21

[22...Nb4= 0.19/19 remains equal.]

23.Be4 0.76/20

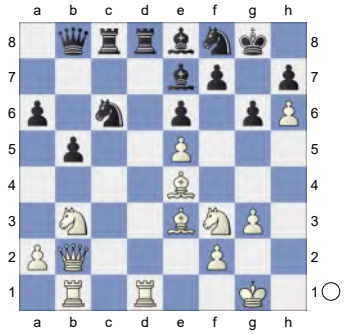
[⌓23.Bg5! 1.18/21]

23...Red8 1.86/21

[23...Nb4± 0.76/20 might work better.]

24.Be3 Qb8 25.Qb2 Be8 1.84/21

[25...Nb4± 1.39/19 was worth a try.]



26.Rdc1 1.08/21

[26.Rd6!+- 1.84/21]

26...Nb4 1.89/20

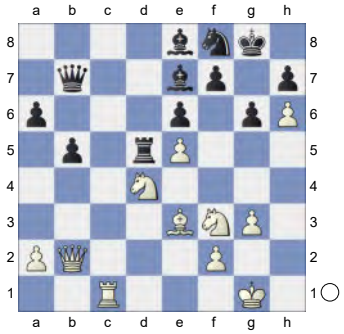
[26...a5± 1.08/21 keeps fighting.]

27.Nbd4 0.46/20

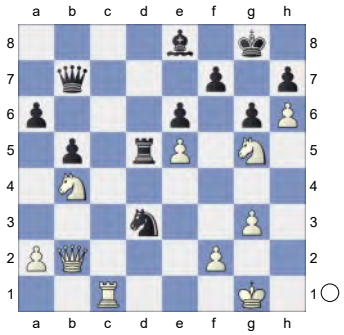
[White should try 27.Bc5!+- 1.89/20 Bxc5 28.Nxc5]

27...Nd5 28.Bxd5 Rxd5 29.Rxc8 Qxc8 30.Rc1 Qb7

[30...Qd8!?]

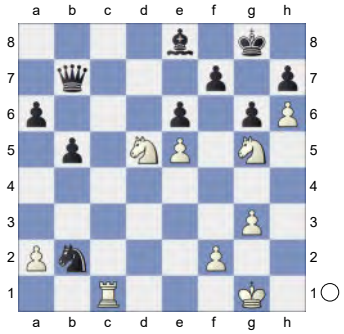


31.Bg5 -0.43/19
[31.Nh2= 0.00/21]
31...Bxg5?? 2.61/17
[31...Bc5!∓ -0.43/19 stays ahead.]
32.Nxg5+- Nd7? 4.54/22
[32...Qb8 1.90/19]
33.Nc6 Nc5 Strongly threatening ...Nc5-d3! **34.Nb4** A dynamic duo of knights.
34...Nd3 3.70/26
[⌓34...Rd8 2.62/20]

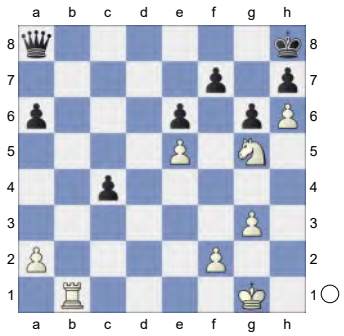


35.Nxd5? 0.16/24
[35.Nxd3!+- 3.70/26 Rxd3 36.Qb4]
35...Nxb2? 2.49/24
[35...exd5= 0.16/24 36.Qd2 Nxc1 37.Qxc1 Qe7]

(Diagram)



36.Nf6+! Kh8? 4.25/18
[36...Kf8 2.12/21 37.Ngxh7+ Ke7]
37.Nxe8 White wants to mate with Ne8-f6. **37...Nc4 38.Nd6 Qd5 39.Nxc4** 0.00/25
[39.Nde4+- 4.56/20 Intending Ne4-f6 and mate. Qd7 *(39...Qxe5? 40.Nxf7+ Kg8 41.Nxe5+-)* 40.f4]
39...bxc4 Endgame. KQ-KRN **40.Rb1! Qa8**
[40...Qxe5 41.Nxf7+ Kg8 42.Nxe5 Kf8 43.Rb7 *(43.Nxc4 Kf7 44.Rb7+* Skewer *Kf6 45.Rxh7 Kg5 46.Rf7 Kxh6 47.Ne5 Kh5 48.f4 Kh6 49.Ng4+ Kh5 50.Nf6+ Kh6 51.Rh7#)* 43...c3 44.Rxh7 c2 45.Rc7 *(45.Nxg6+ Ke8 46.Rc7 c1Q+ 47.Rxc1 Kf7 48.Ne5+ Kf6 49.f4 a5 50.h7 a4 51.h8Q+ Kf5 52.Qh7+ Kf6 53.Ng4#)* 45...c1Q+ 46.Rxc1]



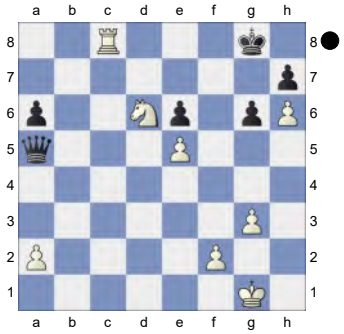
Against Rb1-b8+. ...c4-c3 would now be deadly. **41.Rb4! Qc8** Hoping for ...c4-c3. **42.Nxf7+ Kg8 43.Nd6 Qc7** 14.37/24

[43...Qf8= 0.00/19]

44.Rxc4

[44.Nxc4 a5 45.Nxa5 *(45.Ra4 Qc5∓)* 45...Qxa5 46.Rb8+ Kf7 47.Rb7+ Ke8 48.Rxh7 Qe1+ *(48...Qxa2 49.Rc7=; 48...Qxe5 49.Ra7=)* 49.Kg2 Qe4+ *(49...Qxe5 50.Ra7=)* 50.Kg1 Kf8 *(50...Qxe5 51.Ra7=)* 51.Rh8+ Kf7-+]

44...Qa5 45.Rc8+



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7 **C02**

☐ **Eyesless18** **2848**

■ **mick_chess** **2745**

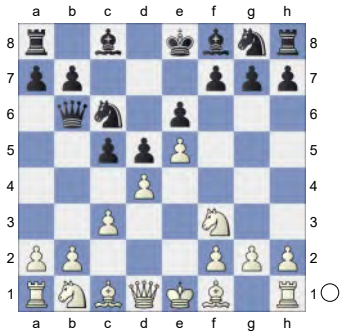
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C02: French: Advance Variation

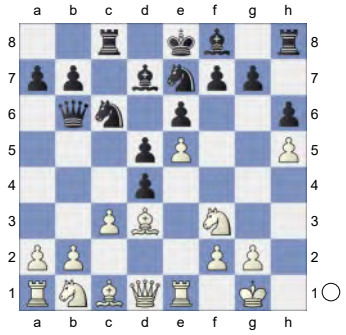
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1

White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4**

The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5 Rc8**



11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5

[12...Nf5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nb3 Be7 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qd2 Nh4 17.Nxh4 Bxh4 18.Nc5 Na5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Rb4 Be7 21.Bxh6 Bxb4 22.Bxg7 f5 23.exf6 Bxc3 24.Qh6 Qxg7 25.fxg7 Bxg7 26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.h6 1-0 Yoo,C (2603)-Masruri,R (2327) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (11)]

13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nb3

[14.Ba3 Nec6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Qa4 Ne7 17.Qf4 Qxc3 18.Bg6 Be8 19.Re3 Qc7 20.Nd4 Kg8 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.Rg3 f5 23.Qh4 Nac6 24.Nxe6 Bxe6 25.Qf6 Rh7 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Rc1 Rf8 28.Nf3 Qc8 1-0 (48) Savitha Shri,B (2348)-Priansh,D (2317) Budapest Vezerkepzo GM 10 2024 (1)]

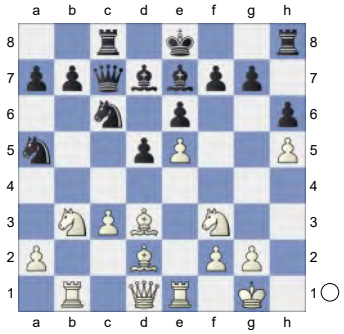
14...Nec6N 0.46/20

[14...Nxb3= 0.00/20 feels stronger. 15.Qxb3 *(15.axb3 Qxc3 16.b4 a6 17.Be3 Qc7 18.b5 Bxb5 19.Bxb5+ axb5 20.Rxb5 Nf5 21.Qa4 Qd7 22.Rc1 Rxc1+ 23.Bxc1 Be7* 18) Advance - 6.Bd3-9.h4 h6 10.h5 #4 *)* 15...Qxc3]

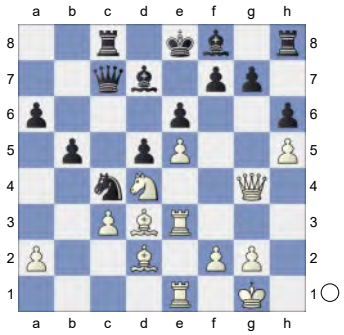
15.Bd2 -0.38/23

[15.Bf4± 0.46/20]

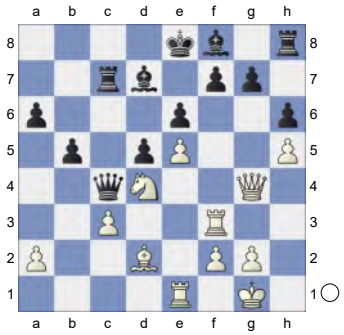
15...Be7



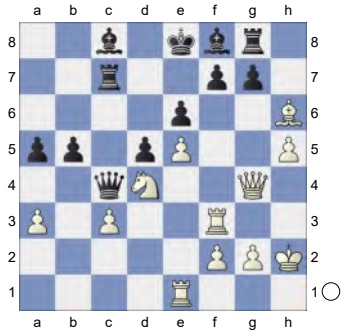
16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 a6 1.10/21
[17...0-0!= -0.19/20]
18.Qg4↑ Black is under strong pressure.
18...Bf8 19.Re3 0.57/19 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[19.f4± 1.27/20]
19...b5 1.63/21
[19...Nc4!± 0.57/19 20.Bxc4 dxc4]
20.Rbe1? 0.11/19
[White should try 20.Rf3+- 1.63/21]
20...Nc4=



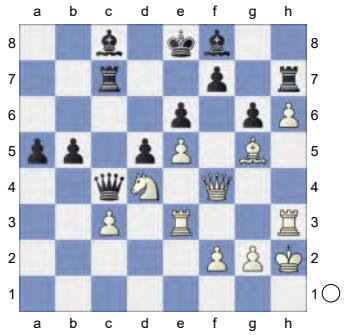
21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Rf3 Rc7 0.60/22
[22...Qxa2= 0.00/22 23.Qf4 Kd8]



23.a3 -0.12/20 **Bc8** 0.63/20
[23...Qa2!= -0.12/20 24.Bc1 *(24.Qf4 Bc8±)* 24...Qb1]
24.Kh2 -0.21/21
[24.Ra1± 0.63/20]
24...Rg8? 1.33/21
[24...Qa2!= -0.21/21 25.Bc1 Qb1]
25.Bxh6± Pin. White now steadily converts the win. **25...a5** 2.30/20
[25...Rh8± 1.16/19]

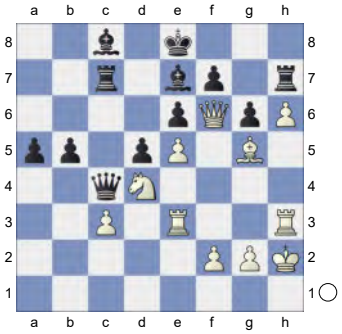


26.Bg5 Bg5-f6! is the strong threat.
26...Rh8 27.h6 g6? 3.55/19
[27...gxh6 1.93/16 was called for. 28.Bh4 *(28.Bf6 h5±)* 28...Bd7]
28.Rh3 Black must now prevent Qg4-f3. Black is weak on the dark squares
28...Rh7 29.Ree3 Bxa3 30.Qf4 Bf8

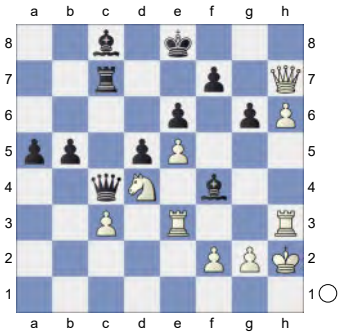


31.Qf6 Be7 7.34/20
[31...Re7 1.87/18 32.Re1 Bd7]

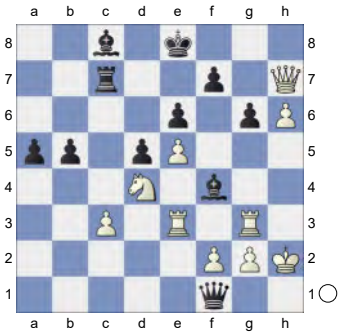
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32.Qg7!!+- Promotion **32...Bxg5**
33.Qxh7 Strongly threatening Qh7-g8+.
33...Bf4+

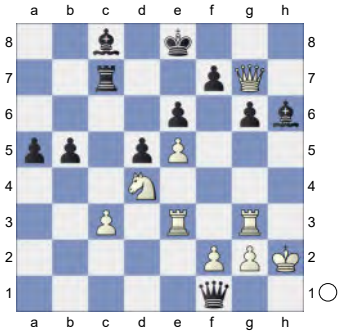


34.Rhg3! Qf1
[34...Bxh6 35.Qxh6]

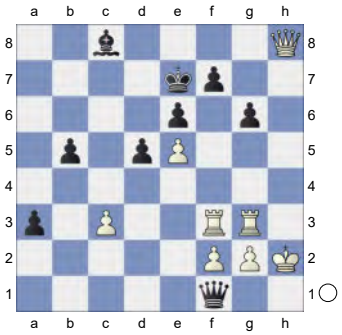


35.Qg7! 8.35/19 **Bxh6**
[35...Qxf2 36.h7]

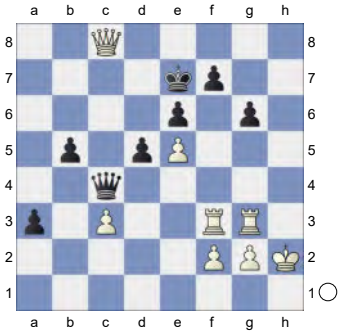
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36.Qxh6 a4 37.Ref3 15.62/18
[⌓37.Qh8+ #8/16 Ke7 38.Qf6+ Ke8 39.Rh3 Re7 40.Nc6 *(40.Rh8+ Kd7)* 40...Kd7 41.Qxe7+ *(41.Nxe7 Qe2 42.Rxe2 Bb7 43.Qxf7 d4 44.Nd5+ Kc6 45.Qc7+ Kxd5 46.c4+ bxc4 47.Qd6#)* 41...Kxc6 42.Rh8 *(42.Qxf7 b4+-)*]
37...Re7 38.Nc6 a3 39.Qh8+
White mates. **39...Kd7 40.Nxe7 Kxe7**

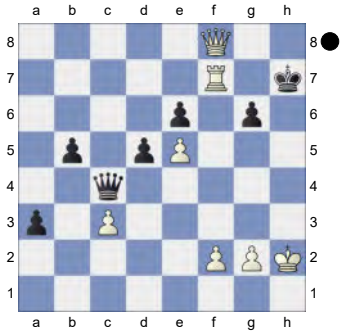


41.Qxc8 Qc4



42.Rxf7+!! Kxf7 43.Rf3+ Kg7 44.Qf8+ Kh7 45.Rf7#

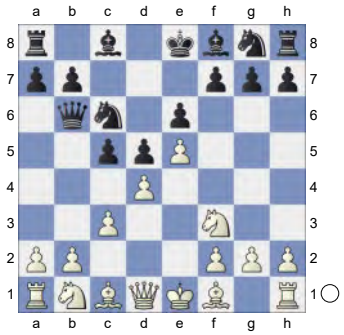
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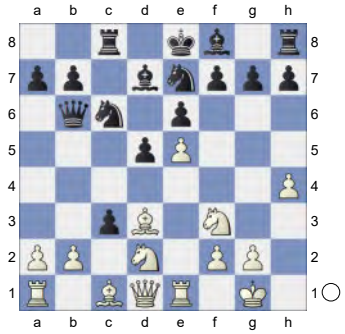
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8 **C02**
□ **Eyesless18** **2875**
■ **Erebuni91** **2739**
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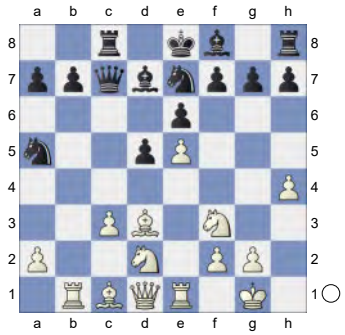
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C02: French: Advance Variation
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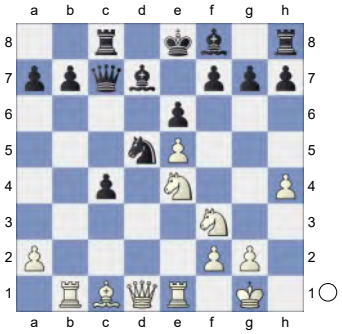
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...Nge7 10.h4 dxc3**
[10...a6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Nc5 Nf5 15.Bxf5 Bxc5 16.Bc2 Bxe3 17.Rxe3 Nc4 18.Re2 Na3 19.Re3 Nc4 20.Re2 Na3 21.Re3 Nc4 ½-½ Fizer,M (2155)-Taborsky,R (2069) Prague op 23rd 2025 (6)]



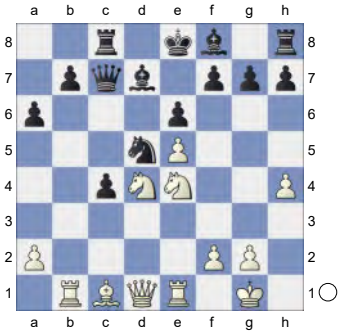
11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7



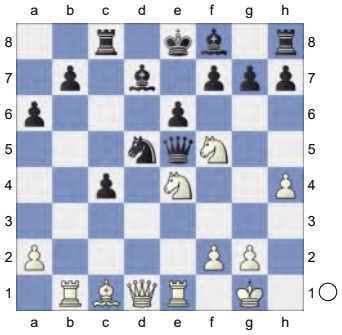
13.c4N -0.98/20
[13.Ba3 Qxc3 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.Rxb3 Qa5 16.Qb1 Theory 4C: 5...Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #13]
[13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Ke8 25.Qg4 Rg8 26.Be2 Nc4 27.Bxh6 Qe4 1-0 (100) Jones,G (2670)-Erigaisi,A (2559) Titled Tuesday 20th Oct blitz 2020 (9) 28.Qxe4 dxe4 29.Bg5 Bc6 30.Rb3 Rxb3 31.axb3 Na5 32.Bd1 Bd5 33.Bc2 Bb4 34.Re2 Nxb3 35.Bxb3 Bxb3 36.Rb2 Bc3 37.Rxb3 Bxd4 38.Bf4 Bxf2 39.g3 f6 40.Kg2 Bd4 41.Ng6 Kf7 42.exf6 gxf6 1-0 (100) Luehrig,W (2670)-5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cd4 (2559) Amber-rapid 10th 2001 (9)]
13...Nxc4∓ 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Ne4 Nd5 (Diagram)



16.Nd4 a6? 0.52/25
[16...Qxe5 17.Nf3 Qc7 18.Qxd5+-]
[16...c3!∓ -1.11/23 17.Qd3 c2 *(17...Qxe5 18.Nf3±)*]

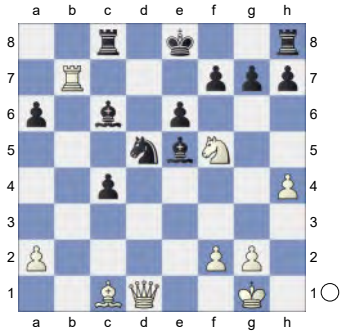


17.Nf5 0.11/19 **Qxe5?** 2.58/25
[17...exf5? 18.Nd6+ *(18.Qxd5? fxe4 19.Rxb7 Qc6-+)* 18...Bxd6 19.exd6+ Be6 20.dxc7+-]
[17...Bc6!= 0.11/19 and Black is okay. 18.Nfd6+ Bxd6 19.Nxd6+ Kf8]

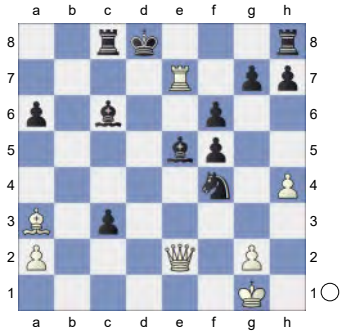


18.Ned6+!+- Discovered Attack
18...Bxd6 19.Rxe5 Bxe5 20.Rxb7 Bc6

(Diagram)



21.Ra7? -0.46/25
[21.Qe2+- 2.11/19 Bc7 22.Nxg7+ Kd7 23.Ra7 *(23.Rxc7+ Rxc7 24.Qe5 Rg8∓)*]
21...exf5 0.33/23
[21...0-0∓ -0.46/25 22.Qe2 Bf6]
22.Ba3? -2.95/22
[22.Qe1± 0.33/23 stays ahead. 0-0 *(22...f6 23.f4±* Pin *)* 23.Qxe5]
22...c3 -1.51/21
[22...Bc7-+ -2.95/22 23.Qb1 *(23.Rxa6? Kd7-+)* 23...Kd8 24.Rxa6 Bd7 *(24...Rb8? 25.Qd1-+)*]
23.Qe2 f6 White must now prevent ... Ke8-d8. **24.f4?** -4.88/27
[24.g3 -1.68/20 was the crucial defense. Rb8 *(24...Rc7 25.Rxc7 Nxc7 26.f4=* Pin *)* 25.Qd1]
24...Nxf4-+ 25.Re7+ Kd8



26.Qxa6 c2? -0.56/21
[26...Nxg2 27.Qd3+ *(27.Rxg7 Bd4+ 28.Kh2 Rc7=; 27.Rxg7 Bd4+ 28.Kh2 Rc7=)*]
[26...Bxg2? 27.Rxe5 Rc7 *(27...Nh3+ 28.Kxg2 Nf4+ 29.Kf3)*

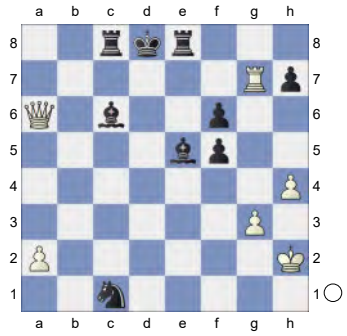
28.Qd6+ *(28.Rxf5 Bb7+-)* 28...Kc8 29.Rc5 *(29.Rxf5 Rd8+-)* 29...Rxc5 30.Qxc5+ Kb7 31.Qb4+ *(31.Qxc3? Ne2+ 32.Kxg2 Nxc3-+)* 31...Ka6 32.Qxf4+-]
[26...Rc7-+ -5.00/21 27.Rf7 Re8 *(27...Rxf7? 28.Qxc6 Ra7 29.Qc5-+)*]

27.Rxg7? -4.85/23
[Only move: 27.Qb6+∓ -0.56/21 Bc7 28.Rxc7 *(28.Qxc6? c1Q+* Deflection *29.Bxc1 Kxe7-+)* 28...c1R+ Decoy *(28...Rxc7 29.Qb8+ Kd7 30.Qxh8∓)* 29.Bxc1 Ne2+ *(29...Rxc7? 30.Bxf4* Pin *Ke8 31.Qxc7+-)* 30.Kf2 Rxc7 *(30...Nxc1 31.Rxg7+ Ke8 32.Qa7 Nd3+ 33.Kg3)* 31.Qb8+ Rc8 32.Qd6+ Bd7 33.Ba3]

27...Re8 28.g3 -9.86/20
[⌓28.Qb6+ -4.54/17 Bc7 29.Qxc6 Nh3+ *(29...Re1+? 30.Kh2-+)* 30.Kf1 Re1+ Decoy, Promotion 31.Kxe1 Ba5+ Discovered Attack 32.Kf1 Rxc6 33.gxh3]

28...Ne2+ 29.Kh2 c1Q
[29...c1B 30.Qb6+ Bc7 31.Rxc7 Rxc7 32.Bd6=]

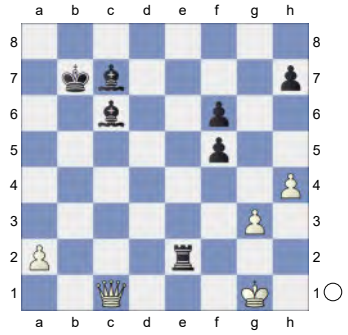
30.Bxc1 Nxc1 0.00/19
[30...Rc7-+ -2.56/22 31.Qb6 Ree7 *(31...Nxc1 32.Rxc7* Remove Defender *Bxc7 33.Qxc6=)* 32.Rg8+ Kd7]



31.Qa5+? -6.50/21
[31.Qb6+= 0.00/19 Rc7 32.Rxc7 Remove Defender Bxc7 33.Qxc6]

31...Rc7 32.Qd2+ Kc8 33.Rxc7+ Bxc7 This pair of bishops is nice.

34.Qxc1 Re2+ 35.Kg1 Kb7



36.Qb1+ -6.51/22
[⌓36.Qc4 -4.38/23 Re3 37.Kf2 Rf3+ *(37...Rxg3? 38.Qb4+ Ka7 39.Qe7-+)* 38.Ke1]

36...Bb6+ 37.Kf1 Re4 -2.95/23
[⌓37...Re3 -6.23/24 38.Qb4 f4 *(38...Rxg3? 39.Qe7+ Bc7 40.Qb4+ Ka6 41.a4-+)* 39.gxf4 Bd7]

38.Qb3 Re5 -1.51/21
[38...Re3-+ -3.49/23 and Black stays clearly on top. 39.Qf7+ Bc7 40.Qxh7 Rxg3]

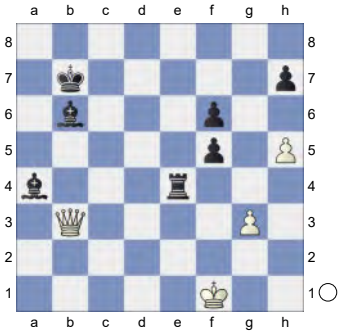
39.a4 -2.97/19
[39.Qf7+∓ -1.51/21 Ka6 40.Qxf6 Bb5+ 41.Kg2 Re2+ 42.Kh3]

39...Re4?? 3.87/18
[39...Bd5-+ -2.97/19 40.Qd3 h5]

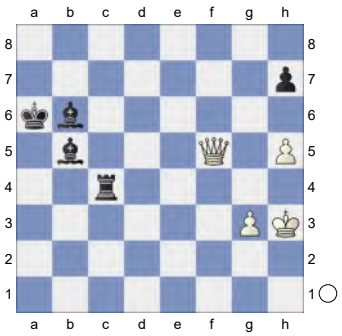
40.h5?? -1.77/22
[40.a5+- 3.87/18 was the only winning move. Kc8 41.Qxb6]

40...Bxa4 -0.60/24
[Better is 40...Rxa4-+ -1.77/22 Strongly threatening ...Ra4-d4. 41.Qf7+ Ka6 42.Qxf6 Be4]

(Diagram)

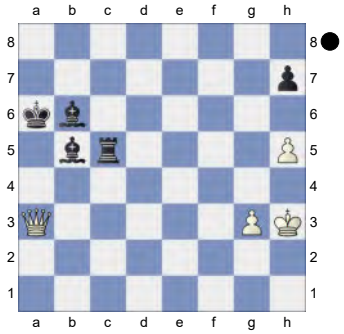


41.Qf7+ -1.51/21
[41.Qd5+!∓ -0.60/24 Ka7 42.Qxf5]
41...Ka6!∓ And now ...Ba4-b5+ would win. **42.Qxf6 Bb5+ 43.Kg2 Rc4** -0.20/20
[43...Bd7∓ -1.36/21 ...Re4-e2+ would now be deadly. 44.Qa1+ Ba5]
44.Kh3? -2.52/21
[44.Qxf5= -0.20/20 and White has nothing to worry. Rc7 45.g4]
44...Rc2? -0.08/16
[44...Rd4!-+ -2.52/21 aiming for ...Bb5-f1+. 45.Kg2 Rd2+ 46.Kh3 Bd7]
45.Qxf5= Rc4

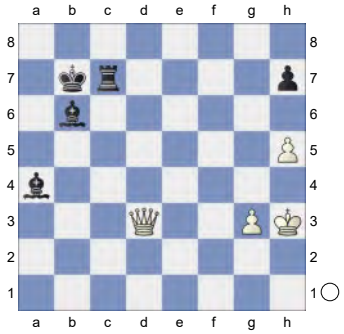


46.Qd3? -8.43/23
[46.Qxh7= 0.15/21 Rd4 47.Qc2 *(47.Qf5? Bd7-+ Pin)*]
46...Rc5? 0.00/24
[Black should play 46...Rh4+!-+ -8.43/23 47.Kxh4 Bxd3]
47.Qa3+

(Diagram)

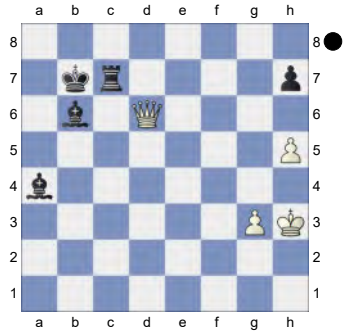


Ba4? 4.59/27
[47...Kb7!= -0.07/23 and Black stays safe. 48.Qf3+ Ka7]
48.Qf3? -0.22/21
[48.Qxa4++- 4.59/27 Ba5 49.Qd1]
48...Rc6 49.Qe3? -8.34/22 **Kb7?** -0.09/25
[Black should try 49...Bxe3-+ -8.34/22 50.g4 Bd1 51.Kh2 Rc2+ *(51...Bxg4 is a self mate. 52.Kg3 Bxh5 53.Kh4 Bf3 54.Kg3 Rf6 55.Kh4 Bf4 56.Kh3 Rh6#)* 52.Kg3 Bg5 *(52...Ka5 53.g5 Bxg5 54.h6 Kb4 55.Kh3 Bf4 56.Kh4 Rh2#)* 53.h6 Kb5 *(53...Bxh6 54.g5 Bxg5 55.Kh3 Bf4 56.Kh4 Rh2#; 53...Rc3+ 54.Kg2 Bxg4 55.Kh2 Rc2+ 56.Kg3 Bh5 57.Kh3 Bf4 58.Kh4 Rh2#)* 54.Kh3 Bf4 55.Kh4 Rh2#]
50.Qd3 Dodges Ba4-d1 **50...Rc7**

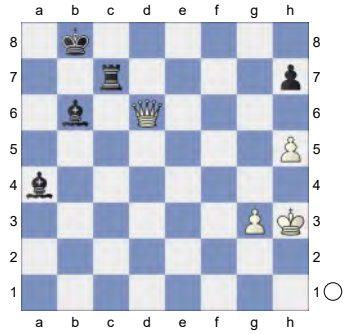


51.Qd6

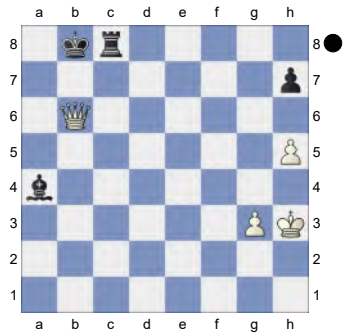
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Kb8? 8.29/20



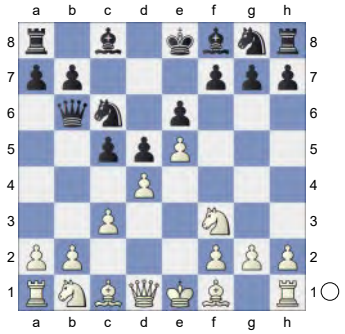
52.Qc6?? -#7/23 **Rc8??** 9.44/20
[52...Bxc6 -#7/23 and life is good for Black. 53.Kg4 Rf7 54.Kh3 Rf2 *(54...Bd7+* leads to mate. *55.g4 Bc7 56.Kg2 Bxg4 57.h6 Bc8 58.Kh1 Bh3 59.Kg1 Rf1#)* 55.h6 Bc7 56.Kh4 Bd7 57.g4 Bf4 58.Kh5 Rh2#]
53.Qxb6++- White is clearly winning.
53...Ka8 54.Qa6+ Kb8 55.Qb6+



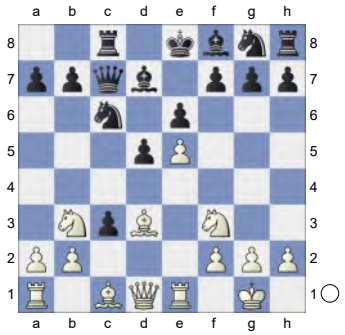
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9 **C02**
□ **RaspFish** **2992**
■ **weiawaga** **2678**
Blitz 23.07.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 5min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.c3 c5 2.d4 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...Qc7 10.Nb3**
[10.Nxd4 Nxe5 11.Bc2 Bd6∓]
10...dxc3



11.bxc3 Nge7 12.Rb1 White has compensation.
[12.h4 Ng6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bf6 18.Re3 Rxc3 19.Rb1 d4 20.Rg3 0-0 21.Bb2 Rfc8 22.Bxc3 dxc3 23.Rd1 Bc6 24.Bc2 Kf8 25.Re3 b6 26.Nd4 Bd5 1-0 (47) Carlsen,M (2863)-Harikrishna, P (2732) Saint Louis Blitz 2020 (15)]

[12.Qe2 a6 13.h4 Na7 14.Bd2 Bb5 15.a4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qc4 17.Qc2 Nf5 18.Rab1 Qxa4 19.Qd3 Nxh4 20.Nxh4 Qxh4 21.Nd4 Rc7 22.Re3 Bc5 23.Rbe1 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Nb5 25.Rg3 Qxd4 26.Qe2 Rc2 0-1 (31) Mora Velasco,A (1884)-Zschiedrich,H (2067) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4)]

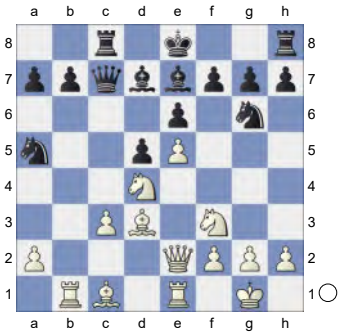
12...Ng6 0.39/20

[12...Nd8= 0.01/19 deserves consideration.]

13.Qe2N

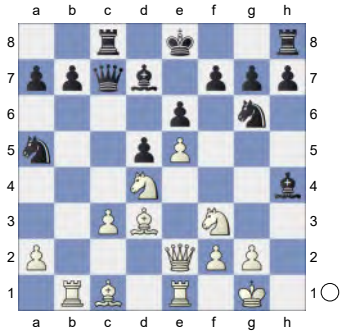
[13.Nbd4 a6 *(13...Ncxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bf4 Bd6 16.Bb5 0-0 17.Bxd7 Nxd7 18.Nb5 Bxf4 19.Nxc7 Rxc7 20.Qd4* 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline *)* 14.Qe2 Be7 15.Bd2 *(15.g3 0-0 16.h4 b5 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h5 Nh8 19.Qc2 g6* Hector,J (2465)-Brynell,S (2422) Malmoe 150/(91) 2021 *)* 15...Na5 16.g3 Ba3 17.h4 b5 18.h5 Ne7 19.h6 g6 20.Ng5 Ng8 21.Qf3 Bc6 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.h7 Qe7 24.hxg8Q+ Rxg8 25.Nh7 Rh8 26.Bg5 Rxh7 27.Bxe7 Bxe7 ½-½ (43) Ozturk,M (1659)-Aydin,A (1704) TUR-chT 2nd League 2022 (3.7)]

13...Be7 14.Nbd4 Na5



15.h4! Deflection **15...Bxh4**

[15...Nf8 16.Bd2]



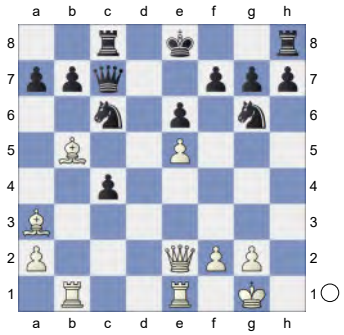
16.Nxh4 Nxh4 17.Ba3!↑ Threatens to win with Qe2-h5. White fights for an advantage. **17...Ng6** 0.84/21

[Black should play 17...h5± 0.31/19]

18.Nb5 0.30/20 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.

[18.Qe3!± 0.84/21]

18...Bxb5= White now steadily converts the win. **19.Bxb5+ Nc6 20.c4! dxc4**



21.Qxc4 aiming for Ba3-d6. **21...Nge7 22.Bxc6+!**

[22.Bd6?! Qd7=]

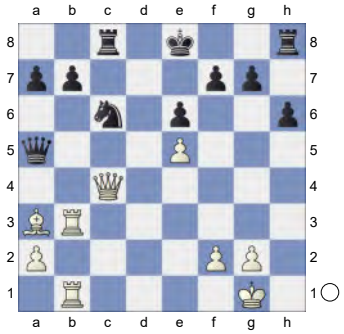
22...Nxc6 23.Rb3 h6 1.48/21

[23...Nxe5? 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 25.Rxe5+-]

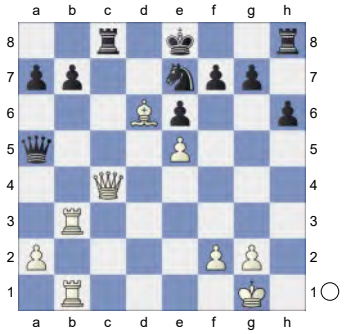
[⌓23...h5 1.09/20]

24.Reb1!± Qa5

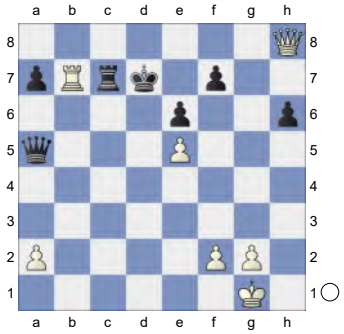
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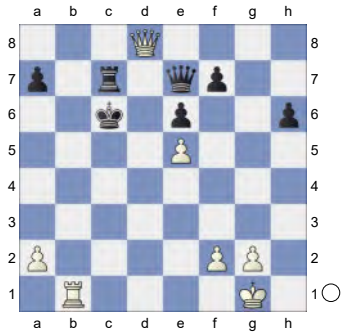
25.Bd6! Ne7



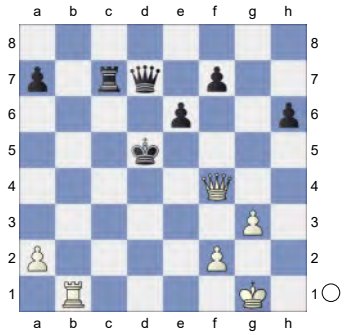
26.Qg4 Nf5 27.Rxb7 Hoping for Rb7-b8. **27...Nxd6?** 7.25/20
[27...g5 2.10/21 28.Qd1 Nxd6 29.Qxd6 Qd8]
28.Qxg7+-
[Not 28.exd6 0-0±]
28...Nxb7 29.Qxh8+ Kd7 30.Rxb7+ Endgame. KQR-KQR **30...Rc7**



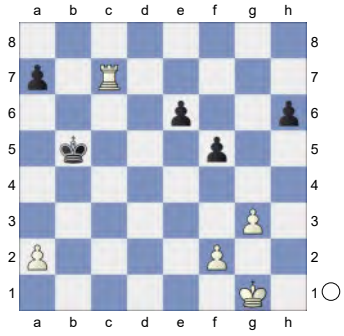
31.Rb8! Kc6 32.Rb1
[32.Qxh6 Qe1+ 33.Kh2 Qxf2±]
32...Kd5 33.Rd1+ Kc6 34.Qd8? 1.03/24
[Weaker is 34.Qxh6 Qxe5 35.Qd2 Qb5+-]
[34.Qa8++- 7.06/21 is the precise move to win. Kb6 35.Qb8+ Kc6 36.Qb3]
34...Qc5? 7.31/22
[34...Qxe5± 1.03/24 35.Rc1+ Kb7 36.Rb1+ Kc6 37.Qe8+ Kd6 38.Rd1+ Qd5]
35.Rb1 Qe7



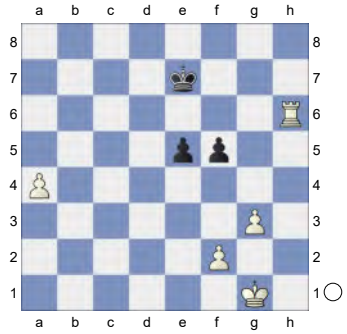
36.Qa8+ Kc5 37.Qe4 Intending Rb1-b4 and mate. **37...Qd7 38.Qb4+ Kd5 39.g3** And now Rb1-d1+ would win.
39...Kxe5 40.Qf4+ Kd5



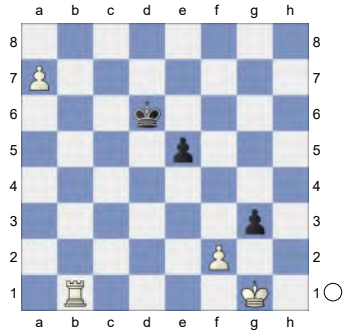
41.Rd1+ Kc5 42.Rc1+ Kb6 43.Qb4+
[Less strong is 43.Qxh6 Rxc1+ 44.Qxc1 Qd5±]
43...Qb5 44.Qxb5+ Deflection
44...Kxb5 45.Rxc7 f5



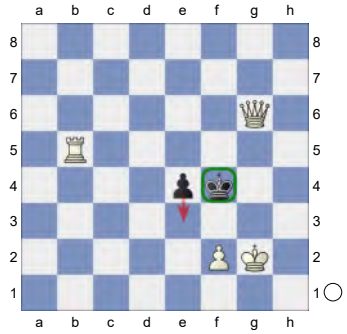
46.Rxa7 White wants to mate with Ra7-e7. KR-K3P **46...Kc6 47.Rh7 h5 48.Rxh5** KR-KPP **48...Kd6 49.Rh6 Ke7 50.a4 e5**



51.a5 Kd8 52.Rb6 Kc7 53.Rb1 Kd6 54.a6 f4 55.a7 fxg3

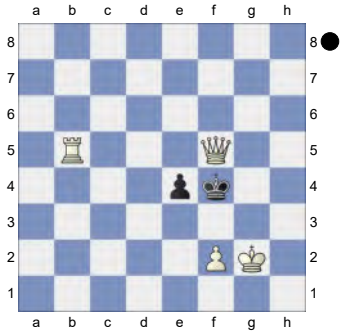


56.a8Q g2 57.Rb5 Ke6 58.Qc6+ Kf5 59.Kxg2 Qc6-d6 would kill now. **59...Kf4 60.Qg6 e4**



61.Qf5#

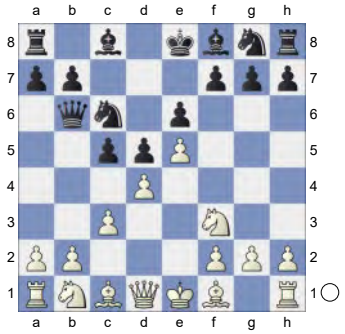
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10 **C02**
□ **Gromis12** **2881**
■ **ZhohoFF** **2580**
Blitz 14.10.2024
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Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



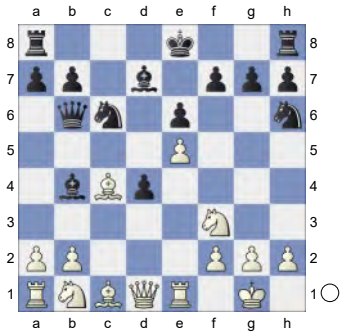
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.c4 White has an edge.
[9.h3 Be7 *(9...Rc8 10.a3 a6 11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Qc6 15.axb4 Qxa4 16.Rxa4 Be7 17.b5 0-0 18.bxa6 bxa6 19.Rxa6 Bb4 20.Rd1 Rfd8 21.Nd4 Bc3 22.Nc6 Re8 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.Bb1* 1-0 (65) Bodnaruk,A (2334)-Nakhbayeva,G (2326) Titled

Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (1) *)* 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8 20.g5 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7 1-0 (25) Mercado Florez,D (2654)-Chaudagne,C (2672) 1992 (7.1)]

9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 Bb4N

[10...Nf5 11.a3 a5 12.Bd3 Be7 13.Bf4 a4 14.Nbd2 Na5 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Ne4 Nb3 17.Rad1 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Ng5 h6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Rc1 0-0 22.g4 Nh4 23.g5 Ng6 24.gxh6 Nxf4 25.Qg4 0-1 (46) Newrkla,K (2261)-Sosa Suarez,C (1956) La Palma Island op 2023 (2) Ng6 26.Nf6+ Bxf6 27.exf6 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 e5 29.Qxd7 Qxf6 30.Rc8 Qg5+ 31.Kf1 gxh6 32.Bxg6 Qxg6 33.Qxb7 Rxc8 34.Qxc8+ Kg7 35.Qc5 Qe4 36.Qc4 Qf3 37.Qb5 Qf5 38.Qxa4 Qd3+ 39.Kg2 e4 40.Qd7 0-1 (46) Lundquist,A (2261)-Van der Muysenberg,F (1956) Cappelle op 06th 1990 (2)]

[10...Be7 11.Bxh6 gxh6 12.Nbd2 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline]



11.Nbd2 White has compensation.

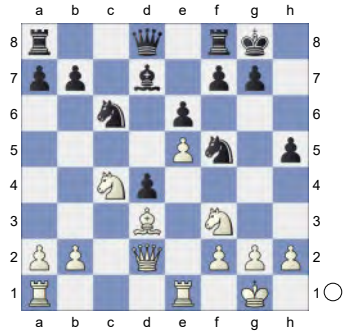
11...Nf5 12.Bd3 h5 0.99/19

[12...Nce7± 0.35/19]

13.Nc4 Qd8 14.Bd2 0.64/19

[14.Bg5± 1.02/19 Qc7 15.Re4]

14...Bxd2± 15.Qxd2 Strongly threatening Bd3xf5. **15...0-0**

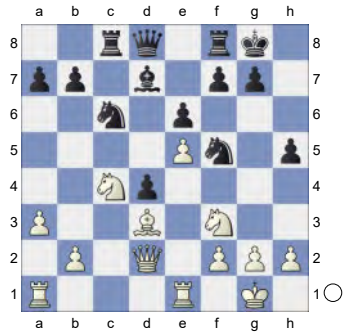


16.a3 0.08/21

[Better is 16.Bxf5± 0.69/20 exf5 17.Nxd4]

16...Rc8 1.09/18

[16...b5= 0.08/21 17.Nd6 Nxd6 18.exd6 a6]



17.Qf4 -0.24/23 White has more active pieces.

[17.Bxf5!± 1.09/18 Bf5-e4 is the strong threat. exf5 18.Nd6 *(18.Nxd4 Rc7±)*]

17...b5 0.38/25

[17...Nce7!= -0.24/23]

18.Ncd2 -0.10/19

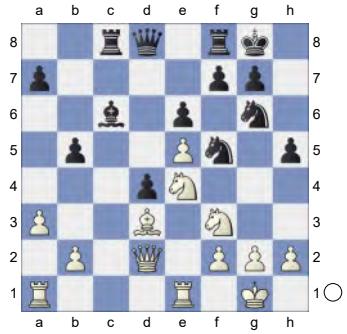
[18.Nd6± 0.38/25 Nxd6 19.exd6]

18...Nce7!= 19.Ne4

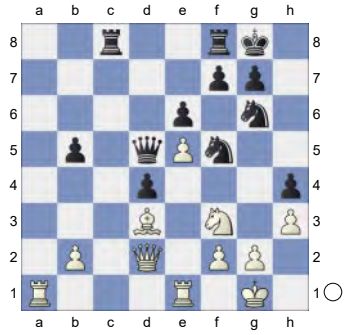
[19.Nxd4 Ng6 20.Qe4 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Bc6∓]

19...Ng6 20.Qd2 Bc6

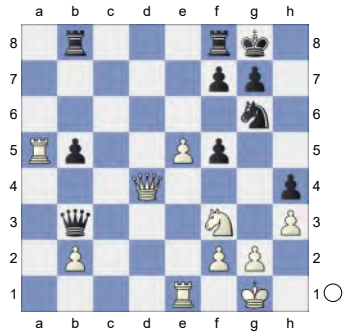
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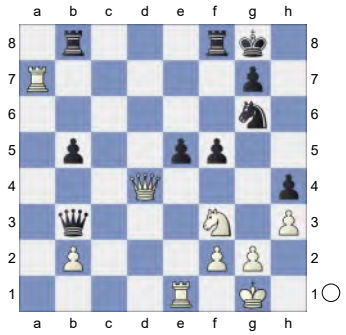
21.Neg5
[21.g3 with more complications. h4 22.Neg5 a6 23.Rad1]
21...Bxf3 22.Nxf3 a6 23.a4 h4 0.46/22
[Black should play 23...Ngh4= -0.07/19]
24.axb5 axb5 25.h3! Qd5



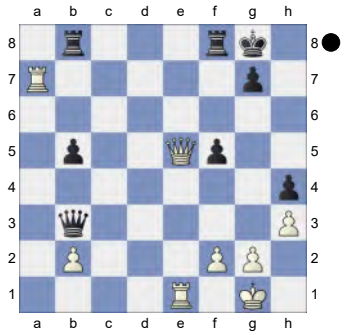
26.Ra5 Rb8 27.Bxf5 0.15/18
[27.Be4± 0.85/19 Qd8 28.Bxf5 exf5 29.e6 *(29.Nxd4 Re8∓)*]
27...exf5 28.Qxd4 Qb3 1.97/19
[28...Qxd4= 0.18/18 and Black stays safe. 29.Nxd4 Rfe8]



29.e6!+- aiming for Ra5-a7.
[29.Nxh4? perishes. Rfd8 30.Qc3 Qxc3 31.bxc3 Nxh4-+]
29...fxe6? 4.26/19
[29...Rbd8 1.72/19 30.Qb6 fxe6]
30.Ra7!
[30.Nxh4? loses. Rfd8 31.Qc3 Qxc3 32.bxc3 Nxh4-+]
30...e5



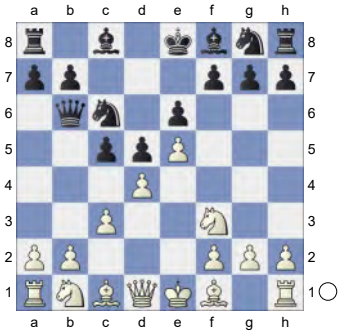
31.Nxe5 1.57/21
[31.Rxe5+- 3.74/21 and White stays clearly on top. Intending Ra7xg7+! and mate. Rf6 *(31...Nxe5? 32.Qxe5 Rf6 33.Qxb8++-)* 32.Rc5]
31...Nxe5? 8.24/21
[31...Rbd8± 1.57/21 32.Rd7 Rxd7 33.Nxd7 Rf7 34.Re8+ Kh7]
32.Qxe5



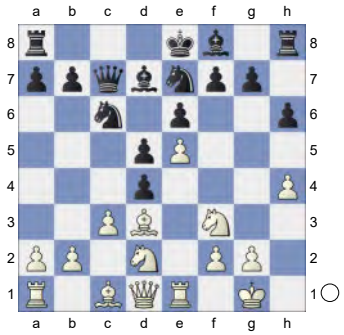
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11 **C02**
□ **KQRBNPkqrbnp** **2951**
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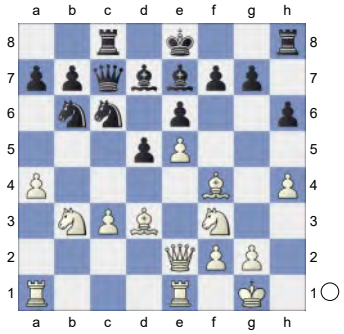
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.Nbd2**
[10.a3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 Nc8 12.b4 Be7 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.h5 Nb6 15.Rc1 Maheswaran,P (2517)-Id2 (2469) Reggio Emilia 50th 2007]
10...Qc7N
[10...0-0-0 11.Nb3 f5 12.cxd4 g5 13.hxg5 Ng6 14.a4 hxg5 15.a5 Qc7 16.Bxg5 Bb4 17.Re2 Rdg8 18.Rc2 Be8 19.g3 Qh7 20.Kf1 Qh3+ 21.Ke2 f4 22.a6 fxg3 23.axb7+ Kb8 24.Nc5 Nxd4+ 25.Nxd4 0-1 (60) Laan,D (2101)-Kviriashvili,A (1795) EU-ch U12 31st 2023 (4)]
[10...g6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Bg7 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qe2 Nc8 15.Nbd4 a6 16.Ba3 Bf8 17.Bxf8 Kxf8 18.Qe3 N8e7 19.Qf4 f5 20.g4 Kg7 21.h5 Raf8 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Kh1 Kh7 24.Rg1 Rhg8 25.Qh4 0-1 (60) Advik,A (2064)-Ayaan,P (1765) IND-ch U09 37th 2024 (10)]
[10...dxc3 11.bxc3 Nc8 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.c4 Nb4 14.Bf1 Nxa2 15.cxd5 Nc3 16.d6 Nxd6 17.exd6 Bxd6 18.Qb3 Nxb1 19.Qxb1 0-0 20.Ne4 Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #5]

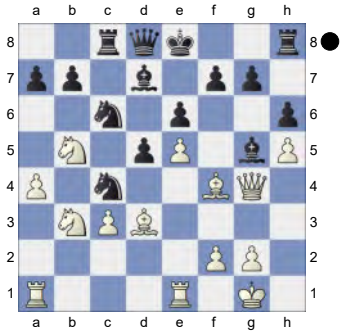


11.Nb3 -0.09/20
[11.Nb1⩲ 0.32/20 might be stronger.]
11...dxc3= 12.bxc3 Nc8 13.a4 Nb6 14.Bf4 Be7 15.Qe2 Rc8

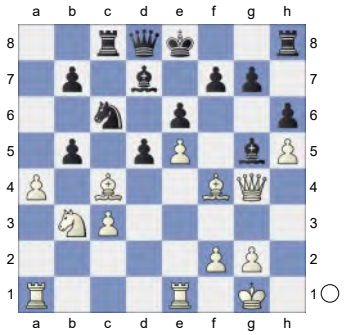


16.h5 Nc4 17.Nfd4 -0.44/23
[17.Bxc4= 0.00/20 dxc4 18.Nbd2]
17...Qd8 0.04/21
[17...0-0∓ -0.44/23]
18.Qg4 The position is equal. **18...Bg5 19.Nb5**

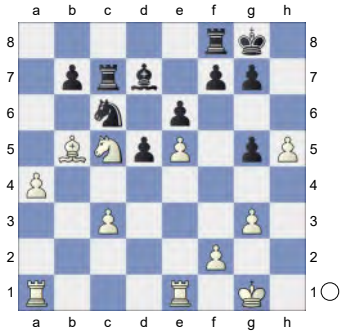
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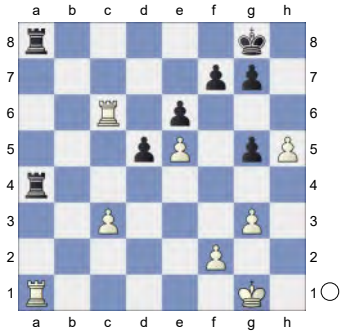
Bd3xc4 would now be deadly. **19...a6 20.Bxc4 axb5**



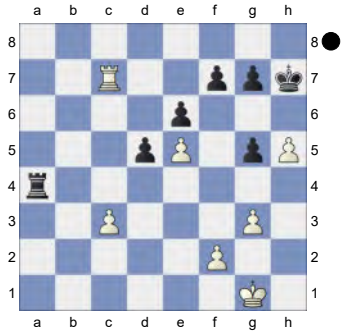
21.Bxb5 Bxf4 22.Qxf4 Qg5 23.g3 0-0 24.Qxg5 hxg5 25.Nc5 Rc7



26.Nxd7 Rxd7 27.Bxc6 bxc6
Endgame. KRR-KRR **28.Reb1 Ra7 29.Rb6 Rfa8 30.Rxc6 Rxa4**



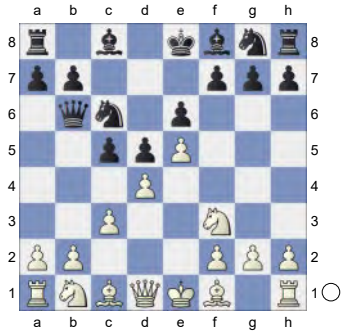
31.Rxa4 Rxa4 32.Rc8+ Kh7 33.Rc7 Kg8 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.Rc7



Normal. A balanced but interesting game.
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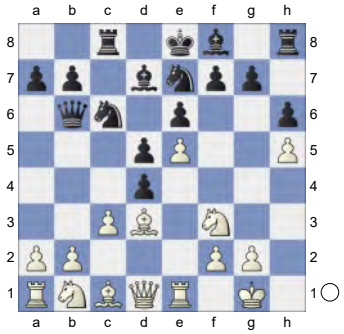
12 **C02**
□ **KQRBNPkqrbnp** **2950**
■ **ToromBot** **2957**
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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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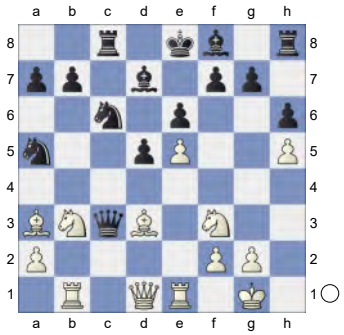


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1!
White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4**
White has an edge. **9...h6 10.h5 Rc8**

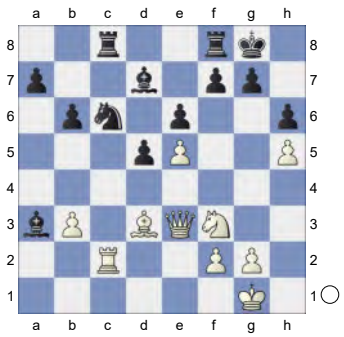
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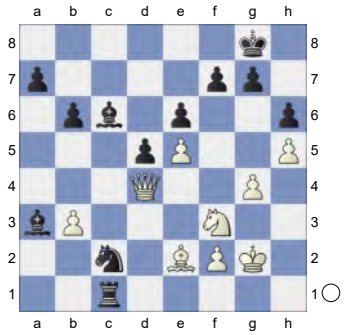
11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Ba3 Qxc3 15.Nb3 Nec6



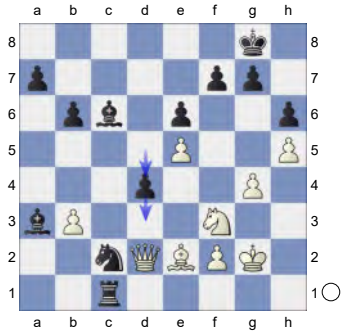
16.Rc1 Qxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Bxa3 18.Rc2
[18.Nxa5!? Bxc1 19.Nxc6 *(19.Nxb7 Ba3=)* 19...Rxc6 20.Qb4∓]
18...Nxb3 The position is equal. **19.axb3 0-0 20.Qe3 b6N**
[20...Be7 21.Nd4 Nb4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bb1 a5 24.Nf3 a4 25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Kh2 b5 27.Qa7 Bf8 28.Qd7 Ra8 29.Nd4 Bd1 30.f3 Bc5 31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 33.Qg6 Bc2 34.Bxc2 Nxc2 35.Qc6 1-0 Quillan,G (2432)-Polgar,S (2404) Pardubice op-A 2005 (2)]



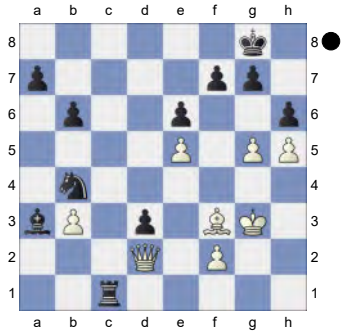
21.g4! g4-g5 is the strong threat.
21...Nb4! 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Qd4 Rc1+ 24.Kg2 Bc6
[But not 24...Rd1? 25.Bh7+ Kxh7 26.Qxd1+-]
25.Be2 Nc2



26.Qd2 d4

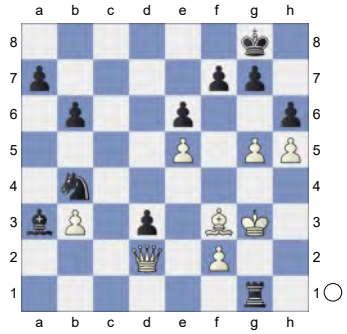


Strongly threatening ...Nc2-e1+. **27.Kg3 Nb4 28.g5 d3! 29.Bd1** Wards off Rc1-c2 **29...Bxf3 30.Bxf3**

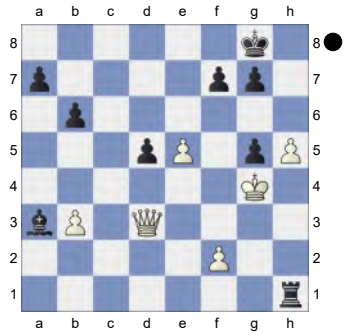


Black must now prevent g5-g6.
30...Rg1+

(Diagram)



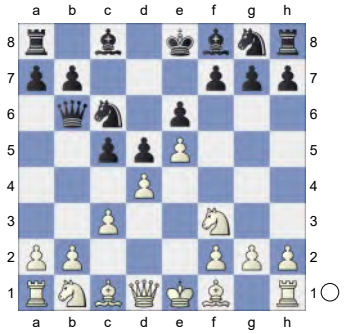
31.Kh4 Threatens to win with g5-g6.
31...Nd5 32.Bxd5 Hoping for g5-g6.
[32.gxh6? is the wrong capture. Bb4 *(32...Be7+? 33.Kh3-+)* 33.Qxd3 Be7+ *(33...gxh6?* loses. *34.Bxd5 exd5 35.Qxd5+-)* 34.Kh3 Nf4+ *(34...gxh6? 35.Bxd5 exd5 36.Qxd5+-)* 35.Kh2 Nxd3-+]
32...hxg5+ 33.Kh3 exd5 34.Qxd3 Rh1+ 35.Kg4



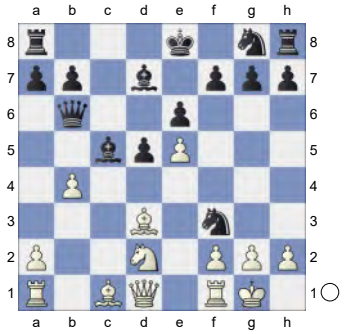
Normal. A balanced but interesting game.
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13 **C02**
☐ **muisback** **3046**
■ **FourPlayingCards** **2649**
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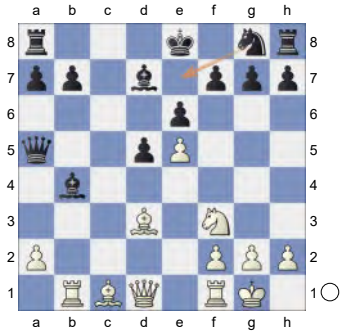
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C02: French: Advance Variation
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5.Nf3 Qb6



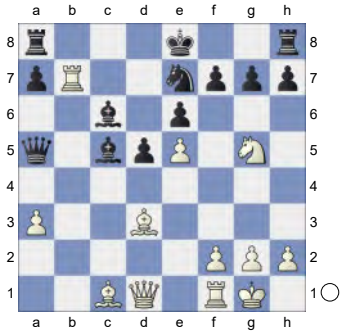
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2! Bc5 10.b4 Nxf3+
[10...Bxb4 11.Rb1 Nxf3+ 12.Nxf3+-]



11.Nxf3 Bxb4 1.08/18
[11...Qxb4∓ -0.39/19 keeps the upper hand. 12.Ng5 Qh4]
12.Rb1± a2-a3 is the strong threat.
12...Qa5



13.a3! Bc5
[13...Bc3 14.Ng5]
14.Rxb7 Ne7N 1.54/20
[14...Qa4!± 0.56/18]
15.Ng5↑ Threatens to win with Qd1-h5.
White has some pressure. **15...Bc6!**



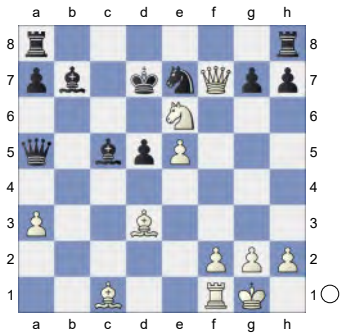
16.Qf3 White is much more active. The black rooks are passive. **16...Bxb7?** 2.57/19 This move loses the game for Black.

[16...Rf8= 0.09/20 17.Rb3 h6]

17.Qxf7++- Kd8? 6.49/25

[17...Kd7 1.85/23]

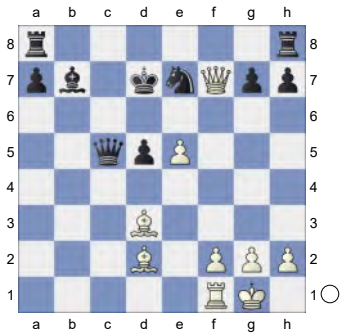
18.Nxe6+ Kd7



19.Bd2! Deflection **19...Qxa3**

[19...Qb6 20.Rb1]

20.Nxc5+ Qxc5

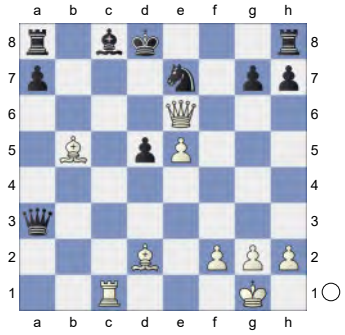


21.Rc1 Qa3 #12/18

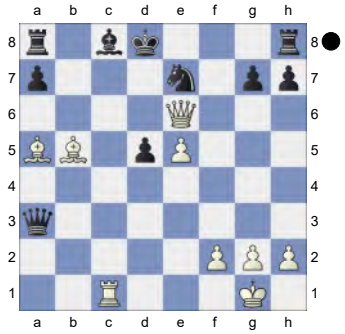
[Don't play 21...Qb6 22.Rb1 *(22.Qxg7 Rag8∓)*]

[21...Raf8+- 4.94/20 22.e6+ *(22.Qxg7?* loses. *Qxf2+ 23.Kh1 Qxd2-+)* 22...Kd8 23.Rxc5 Rxf7 24.exf7 Bc6]

22.Bb5+ This pair of bishops is nice. White mates. **22...Kd8 23.Qe6 Bc8**



24.Ba5+!



Remove Defender.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=1.07

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14 **C02**

□ **RaspFish** **2843**

■ **mayhem23111** **2931**

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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3

[4.b4 c4 5.c3 a5 6.b5 Nd7 7.d3 cxd3 8.Bxd3 f6 9.exf6 Ngxf6 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nbd2 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 a4 15.Rab1 Gambiteer-French Defence

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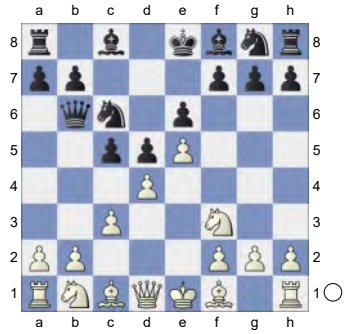
4...Nc6 5.d4N

[5.Na3 Nh6 6.Nc2 f6 *(6...Be7 7.d4 Nf5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 g6 12.Re1 f6 13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Rae8 16.Rab1 Qd8 17.Rbd1 Rf7 18.Ncd4 Bb6 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Ne5 Rg7 21.Re3* 1-0 (38) 8.♗d3 ♗d6 9.0-0 0-0 (2483)-Cowper (2218) Kaschau 1893 (2.2) *)* 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Bg5 Qg6 10.Ncxd4 Bd6 11.Bh4 0-0 12.Bg3 Bxg3 13.hxg3 e5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.Qe2 Qf6 17.f4 Bg4 18.Qe3 Nf5 19.Qf2 Rab8 1-0 (32) Cicak,S (2569)-Mertens,M (2217) Luxembourg-chT 1112 2011 (3)]

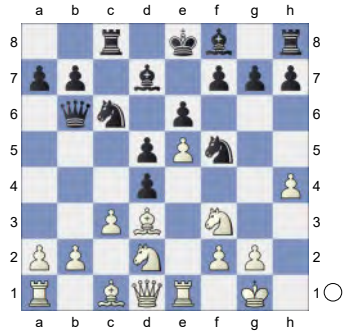
[5.Bb5 Nge7 6.0-0 Qb6 7.Ba4 Bd7 8.Re1 c4 9.b3 Qa6 10.Na3 Ng6 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.d3 cxd3 13.Qxd3 Qa5 14.Qd1 a6 15.b4 Qd8 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bc2 Qf6 19.Bd2 e5 0-1 (59) Cicak,S (2480)-Hansen,C (2595) VISA GP Reykjavik 1998 (4) 20.Be3 e4 21.Nd4 Nce5 22.Ne2 Be6 23.Bd4 Qg5 24.Ng3 f5 25.Bb3 Nd3 26.Re3 Nxf2 27.Qh5 Qd8 28.Kxf2 f4 29.Rxe4 fxg3+ 30.Kg1 Rf5 31.Qe2 gxh2+ 32.Kh1 Bf7 33.Rg4 Qxd6 34.Bc2 Rh5 ½-½ (59) Zilch,L (2530)-Kariakina,M (2467) 98/(200) Great Britain 2005 (2.1)]

5...Qb6

(Diagram)



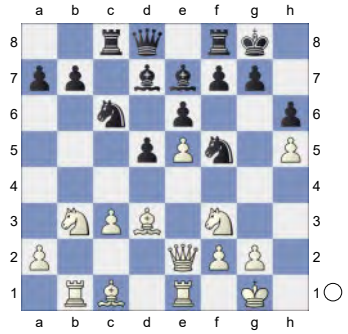
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.Nbd2 Nf5**



11.Nb3

[11.Rb1 simplifies Qd8 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.cxd4 Be6 14.Nb3]

11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Be7 13.h5 h6 14.Rb1 Qd8 15.Qe2 0-0

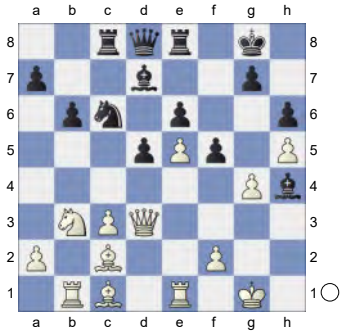


16.Bc2 b6 17.g3 -0.30/21

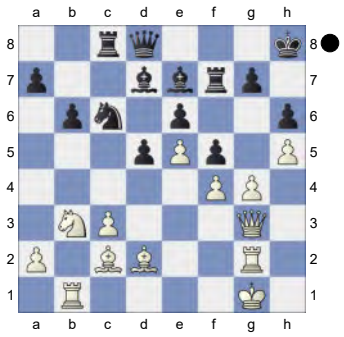
[⌓17.Qd3 0.07/20 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 *(18...Rxf6 19.g4±)* 19.Ba3]

17...Re8= 18.g4 Nh4 19.Nxh4 Bxh4 20.Qd3 f5

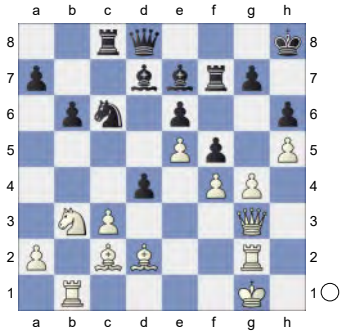
(Diagram)



21.Re2 Kh8
[21...fxg4 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Qh8+ Kf7 24.Bg6+ Ke7 25.Qxg7#]
22.f4 Rf8 23.Rg2 Be7 24.Qg3 Black must now prevent g4xf5. **24...Rf7 25.Bd2** -0.56/22
[25.Be3= -0.10/21]

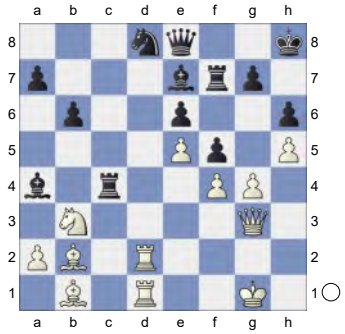


25...d4!

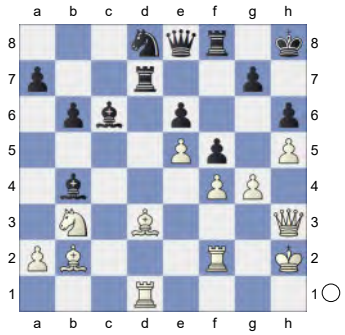


26.Rd1
[26.gxf5 exf5]
26...Qe8 27.Bb1
[27.Nxd4? Nxd4 28.Bb1 Nb5 29.gxf5 exf5-+]
[27.cxd4 Nxe5 28.dxe5 Rxc2 29.gxf5 exf5]

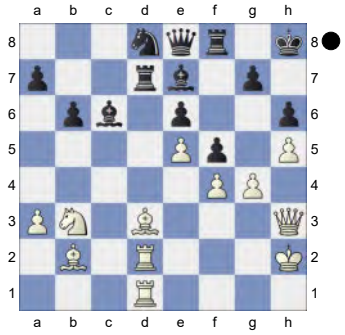
27...dxc3 28.Bxc3 Nd8! 29.Bb2 Rc4! 30.Rgd2 Ba4



31.Kh2 Rf8! White is now going downhill.
[31...fxg4? 32.Qd3 Rf5 *(32...g3+? 33.Kxg3+-)* 33.Qxc4+-]
32.Bd3 Rc7 33.Qh3 Bb4! ...Ba4xb3 would now be deadly. **34.Rg2** -1.18/18
[White should play 34.Re2∓ -0.63/20]
34...Bc6∓ 35.Rf2 Rd7!

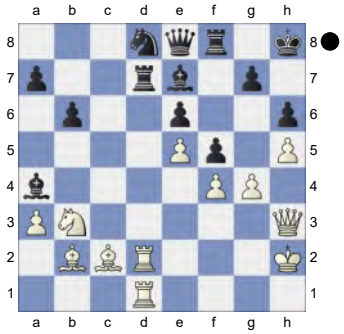


36.a3 Be7 37.Rfd2 -2.36/20
[37.Rdd2∓ -1.33/18]

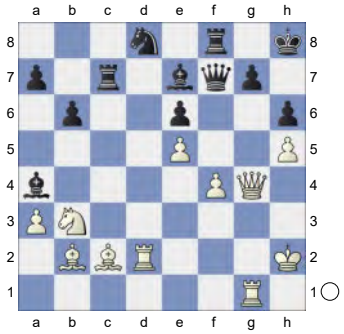


37...Ba4!-+ 38.Bc2

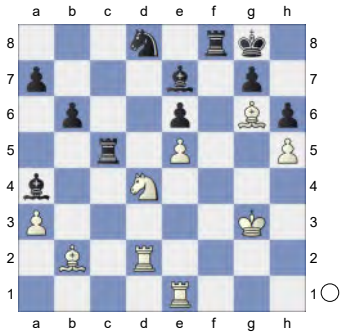
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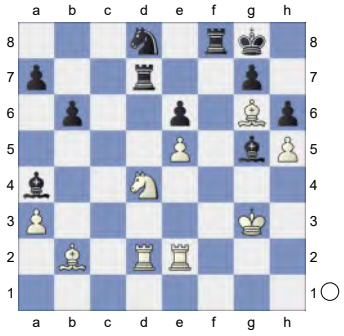
Rc7 39.Rg1 fxg4 40.Qxg4 Qf7



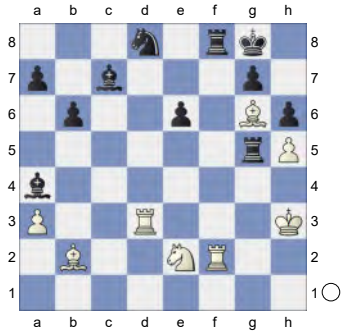
41.Bg6 Qxf4+ 42.Qxf4 Rxf4 43.Nd4 Kg8 44.Kg3 Rf8 45.Re1 Rc5



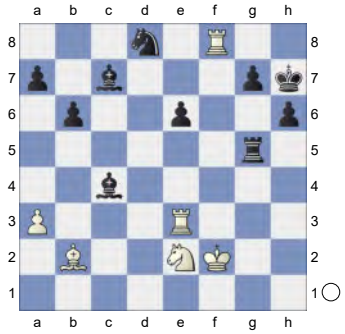
46.Kg2 Rd5 47.Be4 Rd7
[Don't play 47...Rxe5 48.Bh7+ Kxh7 49.Rxe5]
48.Ree2 Rf4 49.Kg3 Bg5 50.Bg6 Rf8



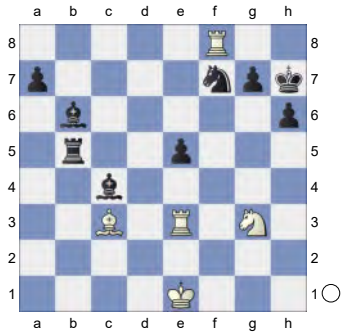
51.Rd3 Rd5 52.Kg2 Bf4 53.Rf2 Rxe5 54.Ne2 Rg5+ 55.Kh3 Bc7



56.Bh7+ Kxh7 57.Rxf8 Bb5
[Don't take 57...Rxh5+ 58.Kg2-+]
58.Re3 Rxh5+ 59.Kg2 Rg5+ 60.Kf2 Bc4

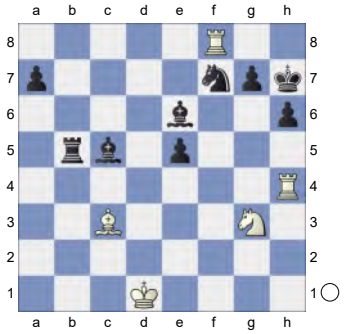


61.a4 b5 62.axb5 Rxb5 63.Bc3 e5 64.Ke1 Nf7 65.Ng3 Bb6

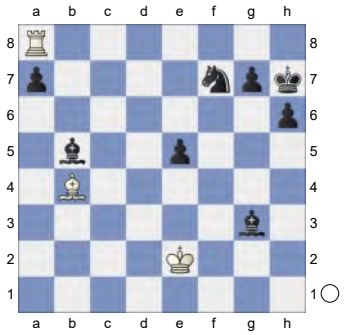


66.Re4 Nd6 67.Rg4 Be3 68.Kd1 Be6
Against Ng3-f5 **69.Rb4 Bc5 70.Rh4 Nf7**

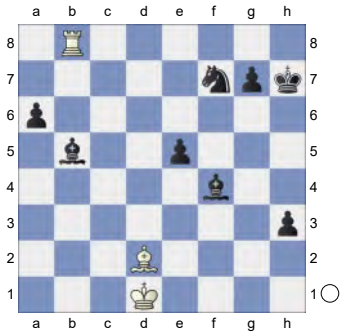
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71.Re8 Bd7 72.Ra8 Bf2 73.Rb4 Rxb4 74.Bxb4 Bxg3 75.Ke2 Bb5+

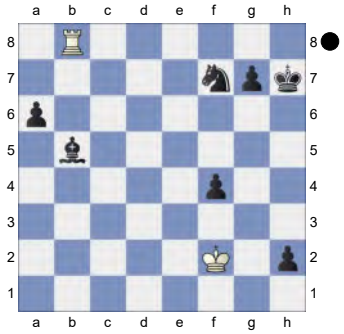


76.Kd1 a6 77.Bd2 h5 And now ...h5-h4 would win. **78.Be1 Bf4** Threatens to win with ...g7-g5. **79.Bd2 h4** ...h4-h3 is the strong threat. **80.Rb8 h3**

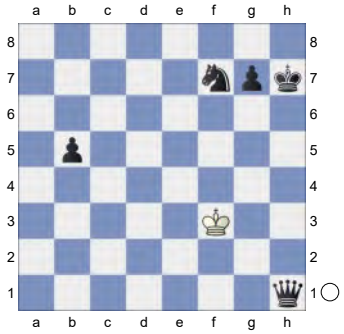


81.Bxf4 exf4 82.Ke1 h2 (-> ...f4-f3) **83.Kf2**

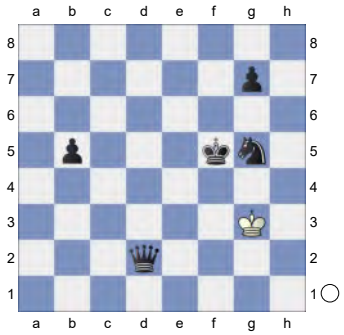
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f3! Black mates. **84.Rxb5**
[84.Rb7 h1Q]
84...axb5
[And not 84...h1B 85.Rh5+ Kg6 86.Rxh1=]
85.Kxf3 h1Q+

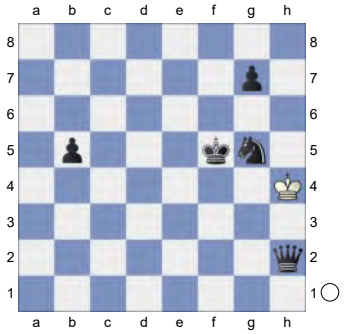


86.Ke3 Qd1 87.Kf2 Qd2+ 88.Kf3 Ng5+ 89.Kg4 Kg6 90.Kg3 Kf5



91.Kh4 Qh2#

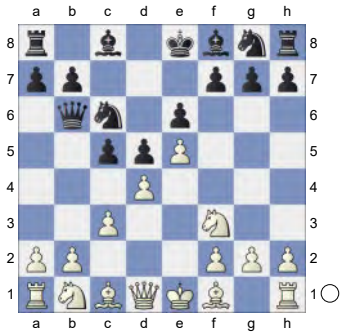
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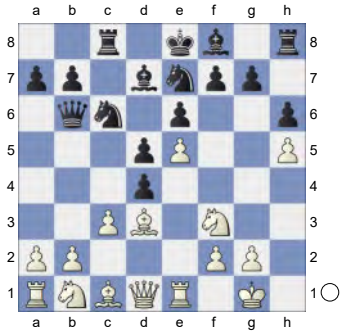
15 **C02**
☐ **RaspFish** **2853**
■ **mayhem23111** **2918**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

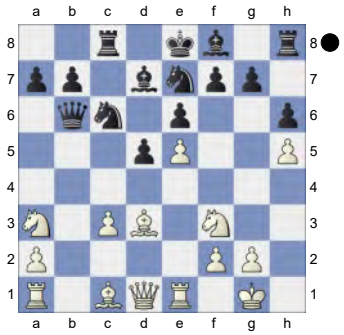


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 Rc8 10.h5 h6

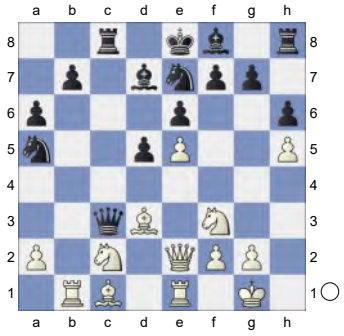
(Diagram)



The position is equal. **11.Na3 dxc3 12.bxc3**



And now Ra1-b1 would win. **12...a6 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nc2N**
[14.c4 dxc4 *(14...Na5 15.Be3 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 dxc4 17.Bb6 Qb8 18.Be4 Bc6 19.Nd4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Nc6 21.Qg4 Nxe5 22.Qg3 Nc6 23.Rxe6+* VI.G) French Defence 5... Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A*)* 15.Nxc4 Nd5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Rxb7 0-0 19.Bb1 Rfd8 20.Qd3 f5 21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qe2 Bc8 23.Rb2 VI.G) French Defence 5... Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A]
14...Na5 15.Qe2 Qxc3

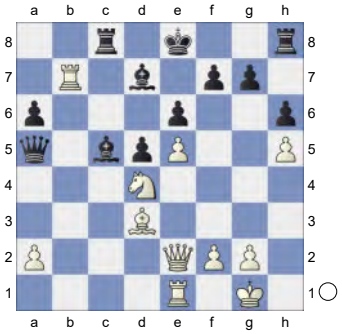


16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Bxa5! Qxa5 18.Rxb7 Nc6 19.Nfd4 Nxd4

[19...Qxa2? loses. 20.Nxe6 *(20.Bxa6 Nxd4 21.Nxd4 Qxe2=)* 20...Bxe6 21.Ra1+-]

[19...Bc5 20.Nb3 Qc3 21.Nxc5 *(21.Bxa6 Rb8=)* 21...Qxc5 22.Qg4± *(22.Bxa6 Na5∓)*]

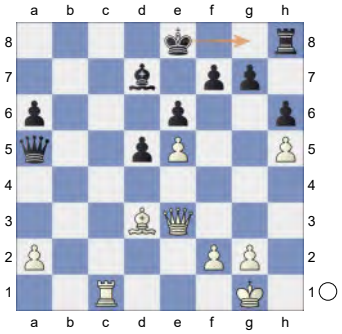
20.Nxd4 Bc5



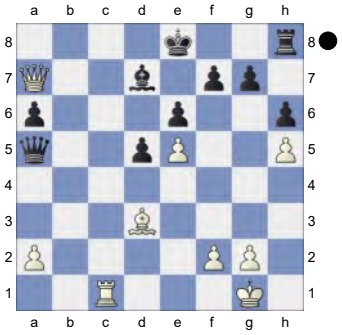
21.Nb3 Qd8 22.Nxc5

[22.Bxa6!? 0-0□ 23.Nxc5 Rxc5 24.Qe3=]

22...Rxc5 23.Qe3 Rc7 24.Rxc7 Qxc7 25.Rc1 Qa5



26.Qa7



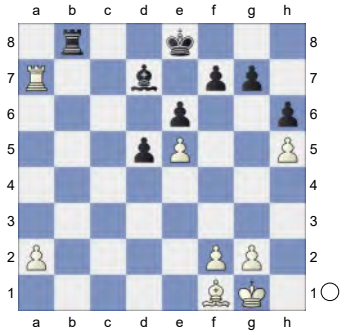
a2-a4 is the strong threat. **26...Ke7**

27.Bxa6

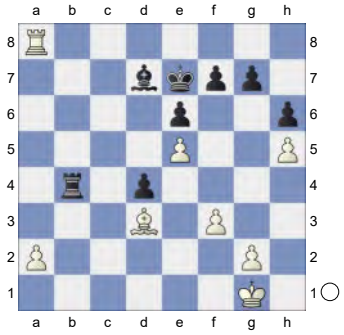
[Of course not 27.Qxa6 Qxa6 28.Bxa6 Ra8∓]

27...Rd8 28.Rc7 Ke8 29.Bf1 Qxa7 30.Rxa7= Endgame. KRB-KRB

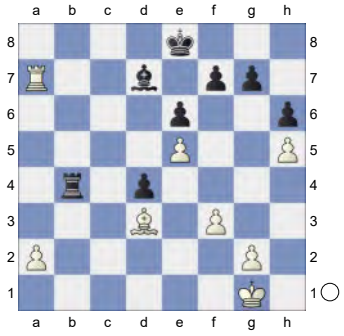
30...Rb8



31.Bd3 Inhibits Rb8-b1+. **31...Rb4 32.f3 d4 33.Ra8+ Ke7 34.Ra7 Ke8 35.Ra8+ Ke7**



36.Ra7 Ke8



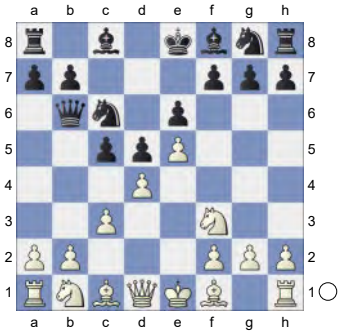
An interesting draw.

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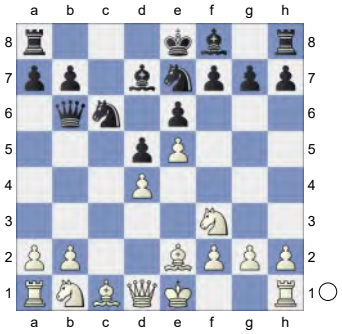
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16 **C02**
□ **Nikitosikbot** **2918**
■ **faith_bot** **2843**
Rapid 21.10.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

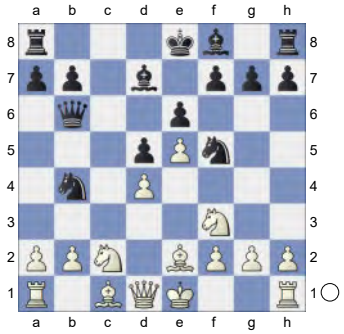


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7

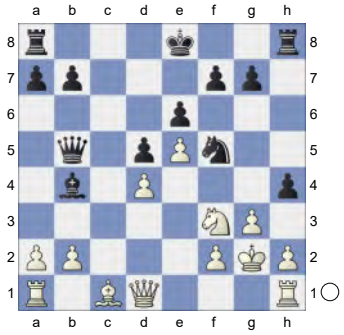


...Ne7-f5 would now be deadly. **9.Na3 Nf5 10.Nc2 Nb4**
[10...Be7 11.0-0 h5 12.a3 a5 13.Rb1 Rc8 14.Be3 h4 15.g3 hxg3 16.hxg3 a4 17.Kg2 Na5 18.g4 Nxe3+ 19.Nxe3 Nb3 20.Qd3 Bc6 21.Rh1 Kd7 22.Nf5 exf5 23.Qxf5+ Kc7 24.Qxf7 Rhe8 25.Rh7 0-1 (33) Onslow,A (2171)-Belov,A (2421) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (1)]

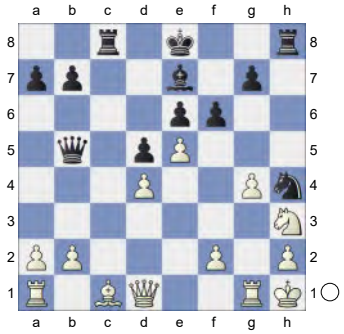
(Diagram)



11.Nxb4N
[11.Ne3 Nxe3 12.Bxe3 Bb5 10. 6. Bd3-8. Be2 2*]
11...Bxb4+ 12.Kf1 h5
[12...Bb5 is more complex. 13.g4 Bxe2+ 14.Kxe2 Ne7]
13.g3 Bb5 14.Bxb5+ Qxb5+ 15.Kg2 h4

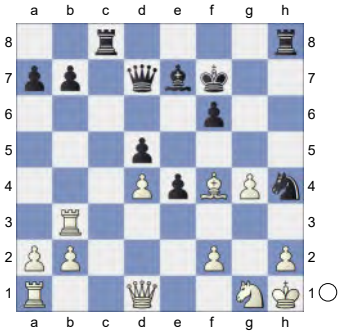


16.Rg1 Be7 17.g4 h3+ 18.Kh1 Nh4 19.Ng5 Rc8 20.Nxh3 f6

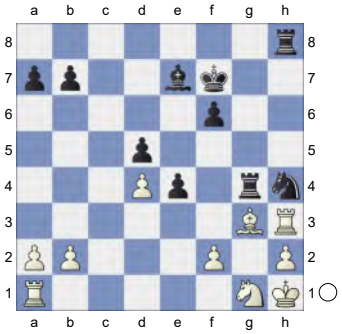


21.exf6 gxf6 22.Rg3 e5 Dodges Nh3-f4 **23.Ng1 e4 24.Rb3 Qd7 25.Bf4 Kf7**

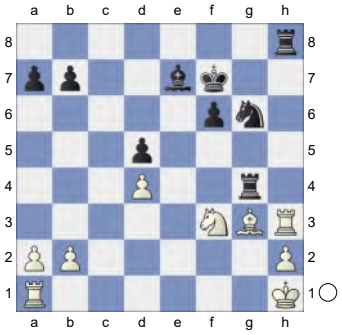
(Diagram)



26.Rh3 Rcg8 The position is equal. **27.Bg3**
[Not 27.Rg3? Ng6 28.Be3 Bd6∓]
27...Qxg4 28.Qxg4 Rxg4

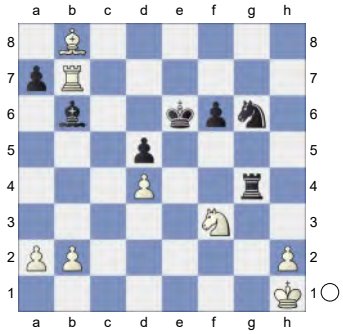


29.f3! Wards off f6-f5 **29...exf3 30.Nxf3 Ng6**

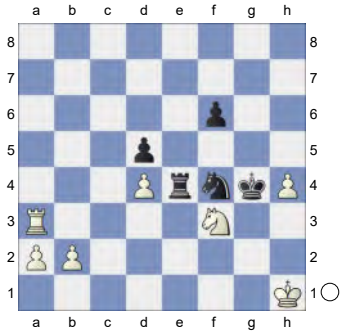


31.Rxh8 Nxh8 32.Rc1 Ke6 33.Rc7 Bd8 34.Rxb7 Bb6 35.Bb8 Ng6

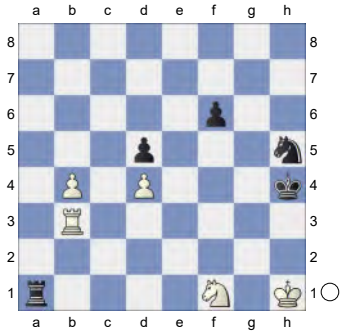
(Diagram)



36.h3
[36.Bxa7 simplifies Bxa7 37.Rxa7 Nf4 38.h4]
36...Re4 37.Bxa7 Bxa7 38.Rxa7= Endgame. KRN-KRN **38...Nf4 39.h4 Kf5 40.Ra3** next b2-b4 is good for White. **40...Kg4**

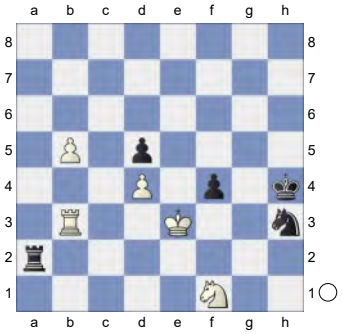


41.b4 Black must now prevent b4-b5. **41...Nh5! 42.Nh2+ Kxh4 43.Rf3 Re2 44.Nf1** Repels Nh5-g3+ **44...Rxa2 45.Rb3 Ra1**

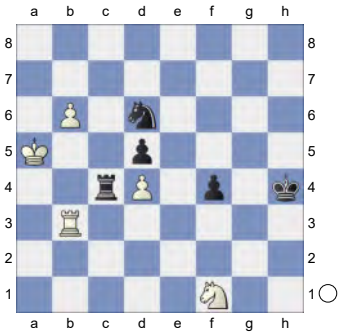


46.Kg1 Nf4 47.Kf2 Ra2+ 48.Kf3 Nh3 49.Ke3 f5 Threatens to win with ...f5-f4+. **50.b5 f4+**

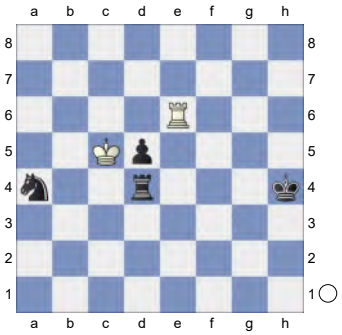
(Diagram)



51.Kd3 Nf2+ 52.Kc3 Ne4+ 53.Kb4 Rc2 54.b6 And now b6-b7 would win. **54...Rc4+ 55.Ka5 Nd6**

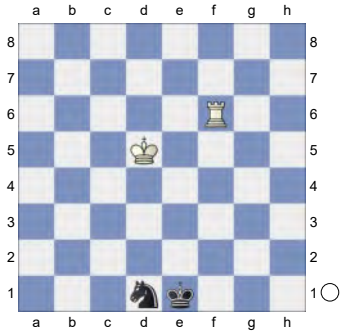


56.Ne3 fxe3 57.Rxe3 Rxd4 aiming for ...Nd6-c4+. KRN-KR **58.Re6 Nc4+ 59.Kb4 Nxb6+ 60.Kc5 Na4+**

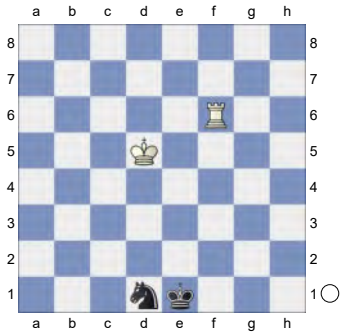


61.Kxd4 Hoping for Re6-d6! KR-KN **61...Nb2 62.Kxd5 Nd1 63.Rh6+ Kg3 64.Rg6+ Kf2 65.Rf6+ Ke1**

(Diagram)



66.Re6+ Kf1 67.Rf6+ Ke1 68.Re6+ Kf1 69.Rf6+ Ke1

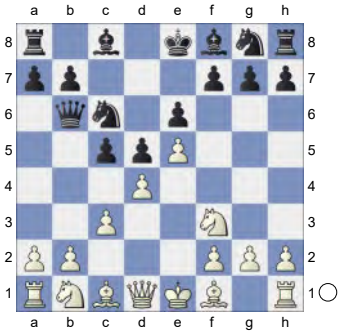


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17 **C02**
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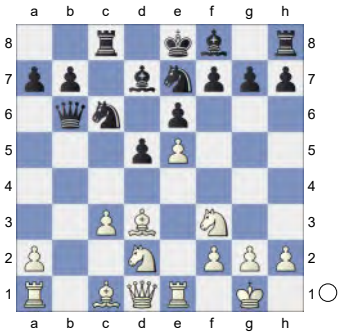
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Nge7**

[10...Na5 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ne4 Ng6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ng5 Rc5 18.Ne4 Rf5 19.g4 Rd5 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxd5 Ne5 22.Rxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5 Rg8 24.Bxh7 Qh4 25.Bxg8 Cheparinov,I (2663)-Svane,F (2618) Baku AZE 2023 [John Watson] ½-½]



11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 dxc4N 1.59/20

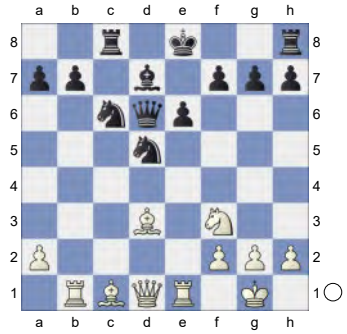
[12...b6= 0.15/17]

[12...Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qe5 Nxf3+ 26.gxf3 Kf7 27.Qf6+ Merario Alarcon,A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024 [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]

13.Nxc4± Nd5 14.Nd6+ 0.70/17

[14.Ng5± 1.07/20]

14...Bxd6± 15.exd6 Qxd6



aiming for ...Nc3. **16.Bb2** -0.46/18 Inhibits Nc3.

[16.Rxb7± 0.63/19 Rc7 17.Rxc7 Qxc7 18.Ba3]

16...Nf4 0.01/20

[16...0-0∓ -0.46/18]

17.Be4 -0.72/21

[17.Re3= 0.01/20 remains equal.]

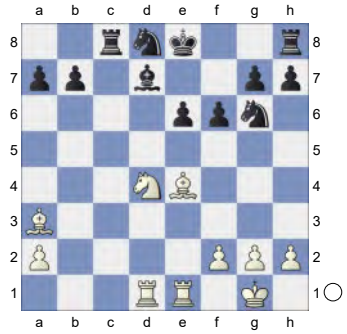
17...Qxd1∓ 18.Rbxd1 f6 Prevents Ne5. **19.Ba3 Nd8** -0.31/20

[Black should try 19...e5∓ -0.99/20]

20.Nd4∓ Black must now prevent g3.

20...Ng6? 4.12/23

[20...Ba4∓ -0.40/19 stays ahead. 21.Rd2 Rc3]



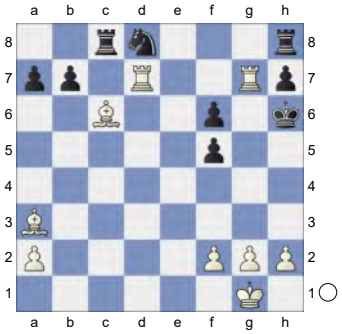
This move loses the game for Black.

21.Nf5!+- exf5

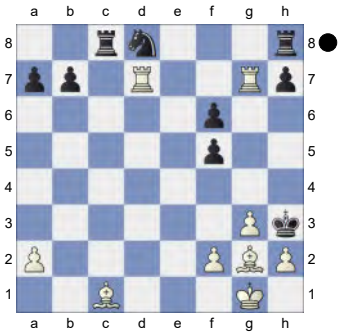
[21...Bc6 22.Nd6+]

22.Bc6+ Discovered Attack. A strong pair of Bishops. **22...Kf7 23.Rxd7+ Ne7 24.Rexe7+ Kg6 25.Rxg7+ Kh6**

(Diagram)



26.Bc1+ White mates. **26...Kh5 27.Bf3+ Kh4 28.g3+ Kh3 29.Bg2#**

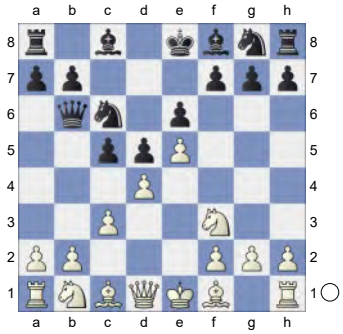


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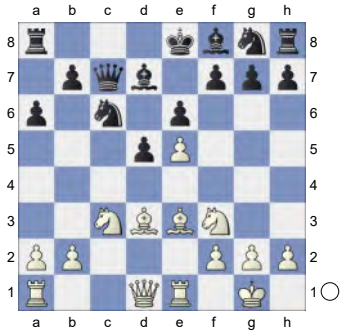
18 **C02**
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Blitz 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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C02: French: Advance Variation
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(Diagram)

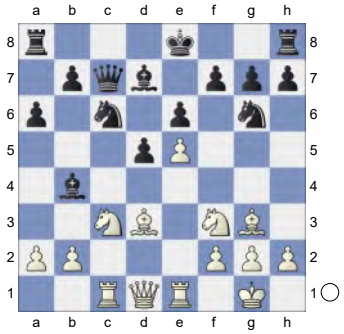


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.10/19
[7.dxc5± 0.48/20 might be stronger. Bxc5 8.0-0]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 dxc3 9.Nxc3 a6 The position is equal. **10.Be3** White has compensation. **10...Qc7N**
[10...Qd8 11.Rc1 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 Qb8 14.Ned4 Nge7 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxe5 18.f4 Qf6 19.Rc7 g6 20.Nf3 Rg8 21.Qc1 Nf5 22.Rxd7 Nxe3 23.Qc6 1-0 (23) Delgado Ramirez,N (2553)-Martins,C (2219) Caioba 2023]

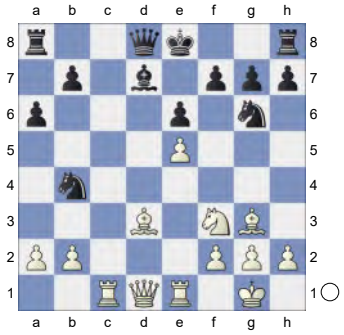


11.Rc1 Nge7 12.Bf4 Ng6 13.Bg3 Bb4 0.78/19
[13...Qb6= 0.16/17]

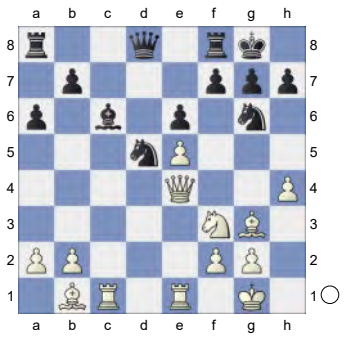
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14.Nxd5!± Qd8
[14...exd5? 15.e6 Nf4 16.exd7+ Kf8 17.Re5!! Qxd7 18.Bxf4+-]
[14...Qa5 15.Nc3]
15.Nxb4 0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **15...Nxb4**

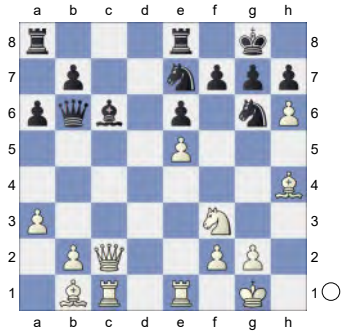


16.Bb1! Bc6 17.Qe2 0-0 18.h4 Bb5!
19.Qe3 h5 is the strong threat. **19...Nd5** 1.39/20
[19...Nd3± 0.68/21]
20.Qe4 Bc6 1.80/19
[20...Qe7± 1.35/19 was worth a try.]

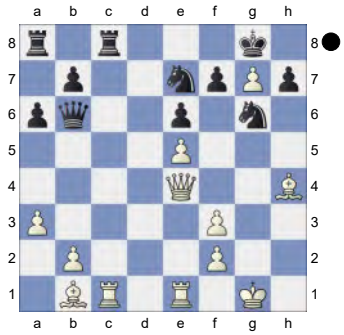


21.Qc2 0.91/19
[21.Rxc6!+- 1.80/19 bxc6 22.h5]

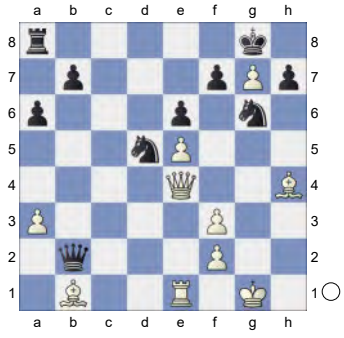
21...Re8 22.a3 Nde7 23.h5 Nf8
24.Bh4 0.44/18
[White should play 24.Rcd1± 0.82/18 Qb6 25.Nd4]
24...Qb6 25.h6 0.01/21
[White should try 25.Qc3!± 0.54/18]
25...Nfg6 0.65/19
[25...Bxf3= 0.01/21 26.gxf3 Nfg6]



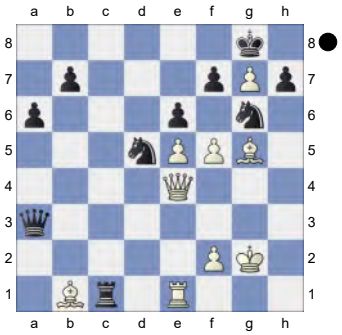
26.hxg7 -0.40/19
[Better is 26.Nh2!± 0.65/19]
26...Bxf3∓ 27.gxf3 Rec8! 28.Qe4



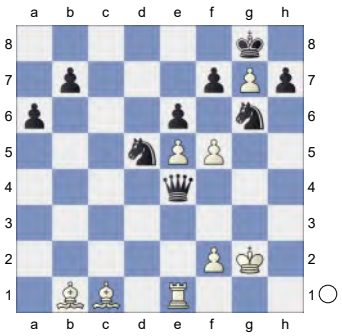
Strongly threatening Bxe7. **28...Rxc1!**
29.Rxc1 aiming for Bxe7. **29...Qxb2**
30.Re1 Threatens to win with Bxe7.
30...Nd5



31.Bg5 Rc8 -0.41/19
[31...Kxg7∓ -1.37/16 32.a4 Rc8]
32.Kg2 -1.81/21
[32.Qg4!∓ -0.41/19 Kxg7 33.Bxg6 hxg6 34.Qh4]
32...Qxa3 -0.75/17
[32...b5-+ -1.81/21 33.Qg4 h5]
33.f4? -3.36/22
[33.Qg4∓ -0.75/17 h5 34.Qg3]
33...Rc1-+
[Less strong is 33...Kxg7 34.f5±]
34.f5? -6.33/26
[But not 34.Rxc1 Qxc1 35.Kh2 Kxg7 36.Bf6+ Nxf6 37.exf6+ Kxf6 38.Qd4+ Ke7 39.Qb4+ Ke8]
[34.Rg1 -3.50/22 Rxg1+ 35.Kxg1 Qc1+ 36.Kh2]

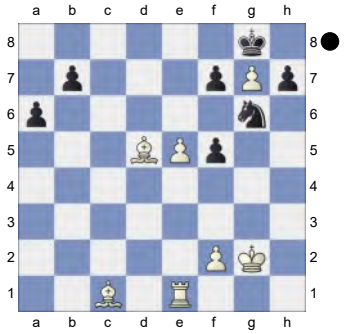


34...Qa4?? 15.99/21 **35.Bxc1**
White is clearly winning. **35...Qxe4+**



36.Bxe4 exf5 37.Bxd5

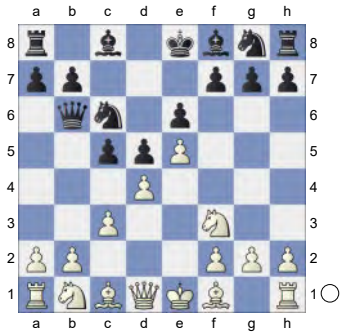
(Diagram)



White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.24 (precise)
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19 **C02**
□ **aspiringstar** **2966**
■ **Anya6** **2821**
Blitz 15.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1
White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.a3**
The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h3N** -0.46/24
[10.b4= 0.00/23]
[10.h4 h6 *(10...g6 11.b4 Bg7 12.b5 Na5 13.Nxd4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.a4 Nd5 16.Ba3 Qd8 17.Qf3 Qxh4 18.Nd2 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Nxf4*

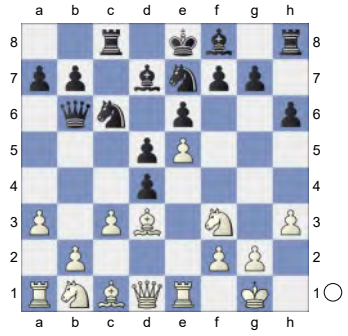
20.Ne4 Bxe5 21.Bd6 Bxd6 22.Nxd6+ Ke7 23.Nxc8+ Rxc8 24.Rad1 f6 25.Rd2 0-1 (59) Gorodetzky,D (2492)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early blitz 2023 (5)*)* 11.h5 *(11.b4 a6 12.c4 dxc4 13.Nbd2 cxd3 14.Nc4 Qa7 15.Nd6+ Kd8 16.Nxf7+ Kc7 17.Nxh8 Be8 18.Qxd3 Kb8 19.Bb2 Rd8 20.Re4 g6 21.Rf4 Bg7 22.Nf7 Nxe5 23.N7xe5 Bxe5 24.Re4 Bg7 25.Rxe6 Nf5* 1-0 (37) Mas,J (2197)-Belov,A (2421) Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late blitz 2023 (5)*)* 11...dxc3 12.Nxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Nb3 14.Be3 d4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qa5 17.b4 Qd8 18.Nb5 Nc6 19.Bxa7 Be7 20.Bc5 0-0 21.Nd6 Rb8 22.b5 Na5 23.Qg4 b6 24.Qe4 g6 1-0 (29) Zhigalko,S (2572)-Hayrapetyan,E (2137) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4)]

[10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Nc3 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 a6 13.h4 Nc6 14.Qg3 g6 15.h5 Qc7 16.Bf4 Ne7 17.Rac1 Qb6 18.b4 gxh5 19.Qh4 Ng6 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Qf6 Rg8 22.Nxd5 Qd8 23.Rxc8 Bxc8 24.Qxd8+ Kxd8 0-1 (43) Vertongen,W (2285)-Faria,M (2321) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2005 (5)]

10...h6 0.28/20

[10...a6∓ -0.46/24]

(Diagram)



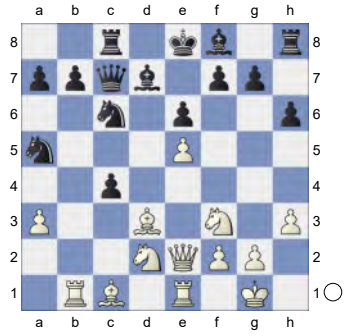
11.Nbd2 -0.67/21

[11.b4!= 0.28/20]

11...dxc3∓ 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qe2 Nec6 -0.08/22

[14...Qxc3∓ -0.96/20 15.Bb2 Qc7]

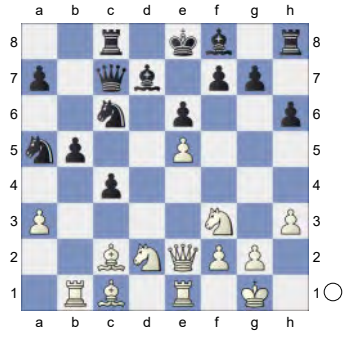
15.c4= dxc4



16.Bc2

[16.Bxc4 simplifies Nd4 17.Nxd4 Nxc4 18.Nxc4 Qxc4 19.Rxb7 Qxe2 20.Nxe2 Bc5 21.Be3]

16...b5 0.91/21



17.Rxb5 0.06/21

[17.Ne4!± 0.91/21]

17...c3? 2.04/20 This move loses the game for Black.

[17...Nb3!= 0.06/21 18.Bxb3

(18.Qxc4 Nxc1 19.Ba4 Bxa3∓; 18.Nxc4? Ncd4-+) 18...a6 19.Bxc4 axb5 20.Bxb5 Be7]

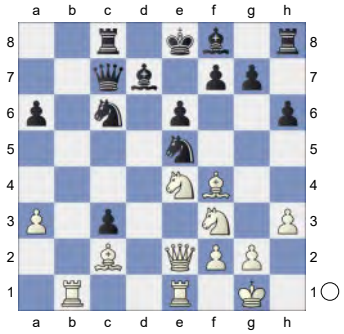
18.Ne4+- a6 19.Rb1 Nxe5 3.08/21

[⌓19...Rb8 2.03/21 20.Qxa6 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 Bc8]

20.Bf4

[20.Qxa6 Nec4∓ *(20...Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Nc6 22.Rb7±)*]

20...Nac6



21.Nxe5

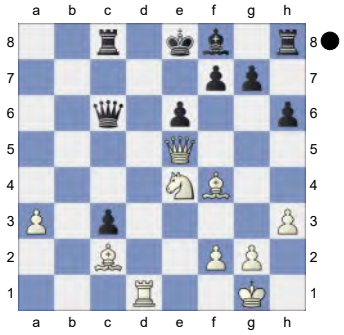
[21.Qxa6? is the wrong capture. Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Qxf4-+]

[21.Nxc3 Bd6 22.Nxe5 Bxe5=]

21...Nxe5 22.Red1

[Don't play 22.Qxa6 Be7 *(22...Nf3+? 23.gxf3 Qc6 24.Rb6+-)* 23.Rb7 Qc4 *(23...Nf3+? 24.gxf3 Qxf4 25.Rxd7+-)* 24.Nd6+ Bxd6 25.Qxd6 Qxf4]

22...Bb5 23.Rxb5 White is clearly winning. **23...axb5 24.Qxb5+ Qc6 25.Qxe5**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.24

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20 **C02**

□ **JoaoReis080** **2800**

■ **Mischuk_D** **2639**

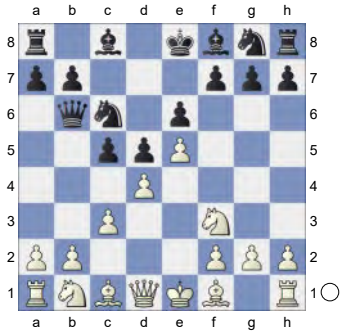
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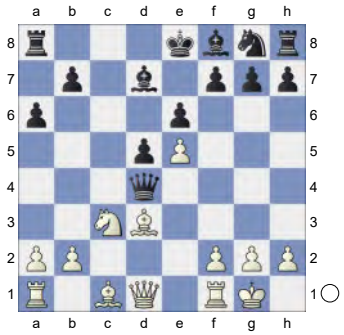
C02: French: Advance Variation

Baumbach,F; Thormann,W: 'Inf 23/211'

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6

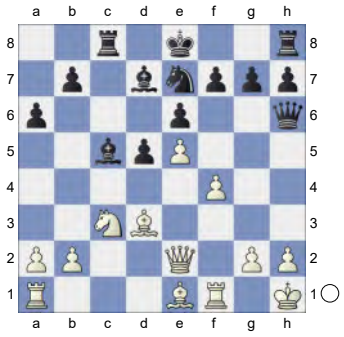


11.Qe2 Rc8 12.Bd2N

[12.Kh1 Bc5 13.f4 *(13.Bg5 h6 14.Bd2 Ne7 15.Rac1 0-0 16.a3 Qh4 17.f4 f5 18.Nd1 Be8 19.Be1 Qh5 20.Qd2 Rc6 21.Nf2 Ba7 22.Be2 Qf7 23.Ra1 Bd7 24.Nd3 Rfc8 25.Bd1 R6c7 26.a4 d4 27.Bb3 Bc6* (59) Model Games-Sulskis,S)

13...Nh6 14.h3 *(14.Bd2 Nf5 15.Rad1 Ne3 16.Bxe3 Qxe3 17.Qg4 Bf8 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.e6 Bxe6 20.f5 h5 21.Qa4+ Bd7 22.Qh4 Be7 23.f6 Bxf6 24.Qb4 Qe7 25.Rfe1 Be6* 0-1 Schaller,T (2071)-21.Qc4 (2618) 57/575 Katowice 1993 (10)*)* 14...0-0 15.Bd2 f6 16.Rf3 fxe5 17.Be3 Qb4 18.a3 Qb6 19.Bxc5 Rxc5 20.Qxe5 Nf5 21.Bxf5 Rxf5 22.Qd4 Qc7 23.Raf1 Rc4 24.Qa7 Rf8 25.f5 d4 26.fxe6 Rxf3 0-1 (46) Bauer,C-Owca, K Match Wagner-Schoenmann +8-1=11 1928 27.Rxf3 Bxe6 28.Nd1 Qc8 29.b3 Rc5 30.Qb6 Bd5 31.Rg3 Qc7 32.Qxc7 Rxc7 33.Nf2 Rc3 34.Rg4 Rxb3 35.Rxd4 Bc6 36.Rd3 Rxd3 37.Nxd3 Kf7 38.Kg1 Ke6 39.Kf2 Kd5 40.Nf4+ Kc4 41.Ne6 Kb3 0-1 (46) Moehring,G-Thormann, W 23/211 German Democratic Republic 1977]

12...Bc5 13.Kh1 Qh4 14.f4 Black is better. **14...Ne7** Prevents f4-f5. **15.Be1 Qh6**



16.Bf2 Bxf2

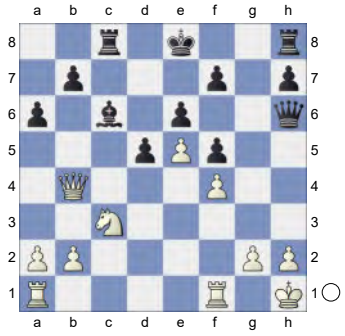
[16...Qxf4? is the wrong capture. 17.Bxc5 Qh4 18.Bd6+-]

17.Qxf2 g6 -0.37/25

[17...0-0∓ -0.91/19 18.Rac1 f6 19.exf6 Qxf6]

18.Qb6 Bc6 19.Qb4 Nf5 20.Bxf5 gxf5

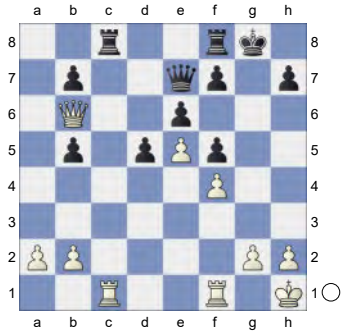
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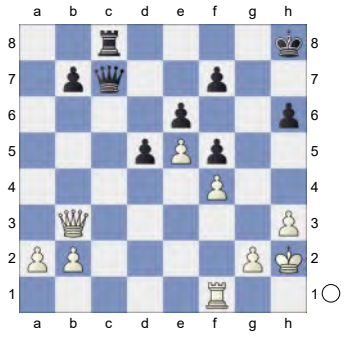
21.Ne2 Qf8 0.00/24

[21...d4!∓ -0.59/25 22.Nxd4 Be4]

22.Qb6 Qe7 23.Rac1 0-0 24.Nd4 Repels Bc6-b5 **24...Bb5 25.Nxb5 axb5**

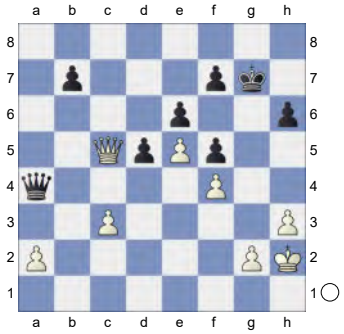


26.Qxb5 Rc7 27.Rxc7 Qxc7= Endgame. KQR-KQR **28.Qb3 Kh8 29.h3 Rc8 30.Kh2 h6**



31.Rf3 Kh7 32.Rc3 Qd7 33.Qb4 Rxc3 34.bxc3 KQ-KQ **34...Kg7 35.Qc5 Qa4**

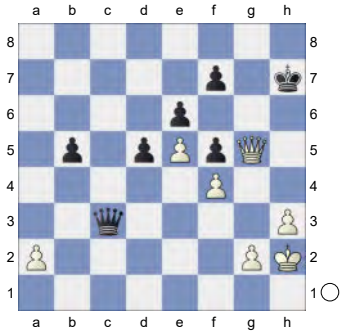
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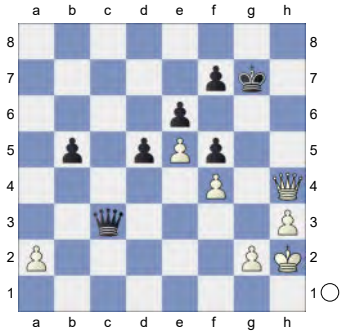
36.Qf2 b5 37.Qh4 Qc4 38.Qf6+ Kg8 39.Qxh6 Qxc3? 7.43/40 Black is on the road to losing.

[39...Qxa2= 0.00/28 40.Qg5+ Kh7]

40.Qg5++- Kh7

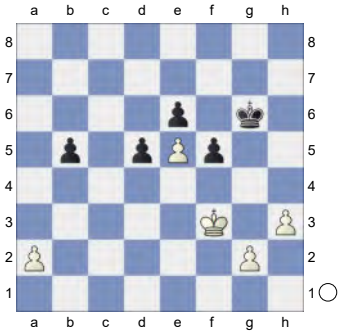


41.Qh4+ Kg7



42.Qg3+! Qxg3+ 43.Kxg3 KP-KP **43...f6 44.Kf3 fxe5 45.fxe5 Kg6**

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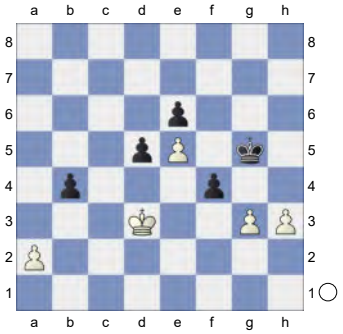


46.Ke3 Kg5 aiming for ...f5-f4+. **47.g3 b4?** 5.47/23

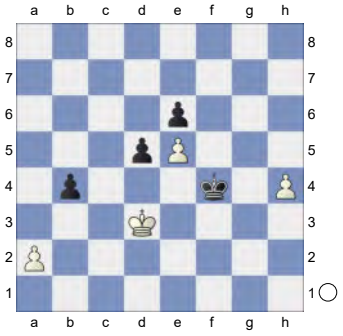
[47...Kg6 3.19/29 48.Kd4 b4]

48.Kd3 f4 8.52/32

[⌓48...Kg6 4.74/26 49.Kd4 Kh5]

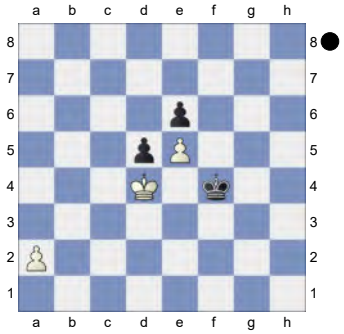


49.h4+! Kg4 50.gxf4 Kxf4



51.Kd4 Kg4 52.Kc5 Kxh4 53.Kxb4 Kg3 54.Kc3 Kf4 55.Kd4

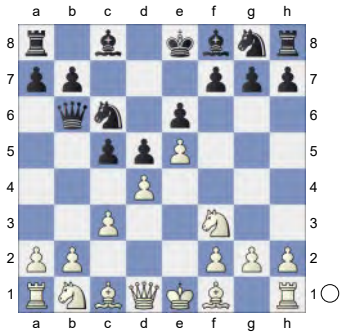
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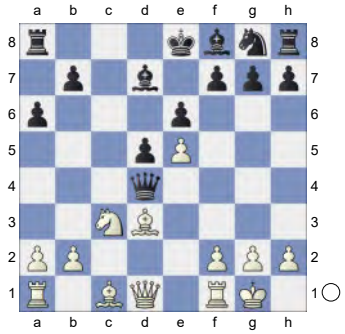
21 **C02**
☐ **AkkTrainGm** **2829**
■ **Chessmatenok17** **2722**
Blitz 30.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.e5 d5 3.d4 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Nc3 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.0-0 a6

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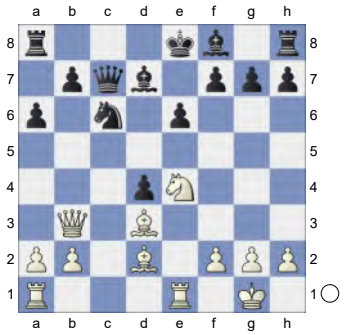
11.Re1 Ne7 12.Be3
[12.Qf3 Ng6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.Bxf4 Bb4 16.Rec1 Rc8 17.a3 Ba5 18.Ne2 0-0 19.Nd4 f6 20.Nf3 Kf7 21.h3 Bb6 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Bb5 24.Kf2 Bd3 25.exf6 gxf6 26.Nd4 e5 0-1 (59) Gafke,M (1425)-Volf,J (1906) Bosna i Hercegovina 73/370 1998 (1)]
12...Qxe5 13.Qb3N -1.47/18
[⌓13.Rc1 -0.91/17 Bc6 14.Bb1 Ng6 15.g3 Qd6 16.h4 d4 17.Qxd4 Ne5 18.Qxd6 Bxd6 19.Red1 0-0-0 20.Be4 Bc7 21.Bxc6 Nxc6 22.Ne4 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+ Nxd8 25.Bc5 Kd7 26.f4 Kc6 27.Be7 h6 28.Kf2 0-1 (40) Brooks,M-Kraai,J Saint Louis 2011 (8)]
[13.Qg4 h5 14.Qb4 Nc6 15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qxa6 Nb4 17.Qa7 Nxd3 18.Bd4 Qd6 19.Re3 Nb4 20.Be5 Qb6 21.Bxb8 Qxa7 22.Bxa7 Nc2 23.Rd1 Nxe3 24.Bxe3 Be7 25.a4 Bb4 26.a5 Bxa5 27.Bc5 Bxc3 0-1 (53) Vazquez Torres,A (2160)-Moreno Ruiz,J (2491) Madrid Oliver Gonzalez Memorial 1st 2010 (2)]
[13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Nc6 15.Rac1 Qd6 16.a3 Be7 17.Qc2 h6 18.b4 d4 19.Bd2 Bg5 20.Be4 Bxd2 21.Bxc6+ bxc6 22.Qxd2 0-0 23.Rc5 a5 24.Rec1 axb4 25.Rxc6 Qd5 26.R6c5 Qb3 27.axb4 Rfb8 0-1 (29) Stawicki,A (2053)-Keller,E

(1781) 4: Chinese Championship, Xinghua 2013 (3) 28.Qxd4 Qxb4 29.Qd7 Qxc5 0-1 Prie,E (2053)-Jourdren,K (1781) Rohde op 12th 2012 (3)]

13...d4 -0.36/21
[13...Bc6∓ -1.47/18 And now ...Ne7-g6 would win. 14.Ne2 Ng6]

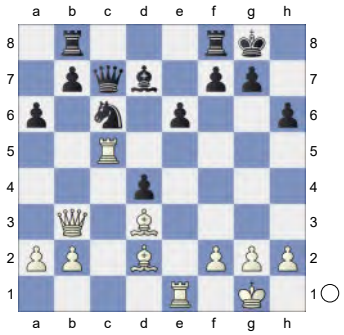
14.Bd2 -1.13/21
[14.f4!∓ -0.36/21 Qa5 15.Bxd4]

14...Qc7∓ Black is better. **15.Ne4 Nc6**



16.Ng5 -1.59/22
[White should play 16.Rac1 -1.02/19]

16...h6 17.Ne4 Be7 18.Rac1 0-0 19.Nc5 Bxc5 20.Rxc5 Rab8 -1.08/17
[⌓20...Qd6 -1.53/20 21.Qb6 Qb8]



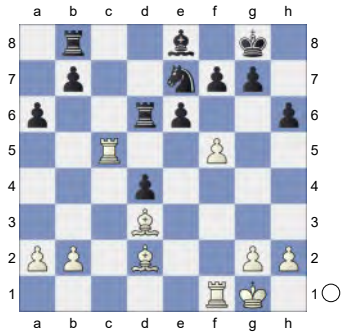
21.f4 -1.56/18
[⌓21.Rh5 -1.08/17]

21...Qd6 22.Qb6 Rfd8 23.Rf1 -2.01/19
[23.b4∓ -1.42/21]

23...Be8 -0.90/16
[23...Qf8-+ -2.01/19 is more deadly. Strongly threatening ...Nc6-e7. 24.Be1 Ne7]

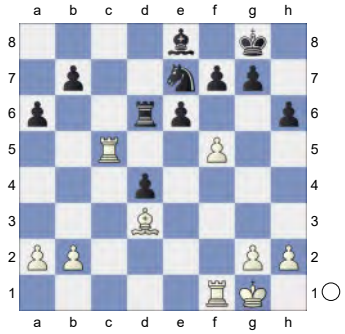
24.f5 Ne7? 2.03/17 Loses the game.
[24...e5∓ -0.85/23 White must now prevent ...f7-f6. 25.f6 gxf6 26.Bxh6 Bd7]

25.Qxd6+- Rxd6

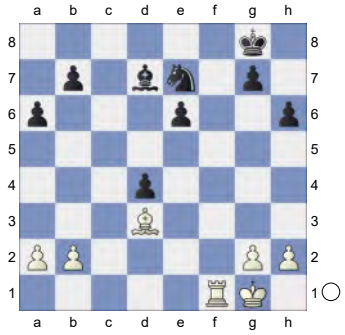


26.Bf4 Rbd8
[26...e5 27.Rxe5 *(27.Bxe5 Rdd8+-)* 27...g5 28.Bg3+- *(28.Rxe7 gxf4 29.Re5 Rc8∓; 28.fxg6 Nxg6 29.Rxe8+* Discovered Attack *Rxe8+-)*]

27.Bxd6 Rxd6

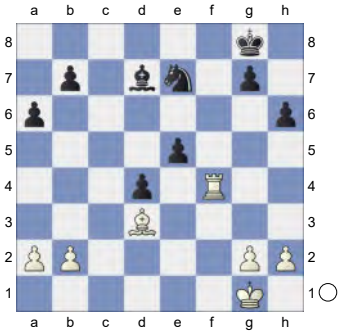


28.fxe6! fxe6 29.Rc7 Rd7 30.Rxd7 Bxd7

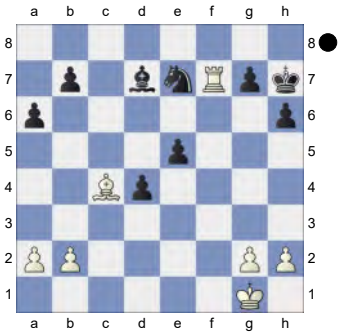


31.Rf4 e5

(Diagram)



32.Bc4+? 4.98/19
[32.Re4! 2.00/24]
32...Kh7 33.Rf7

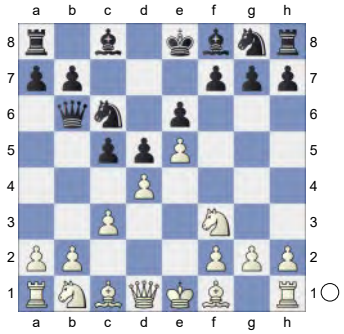


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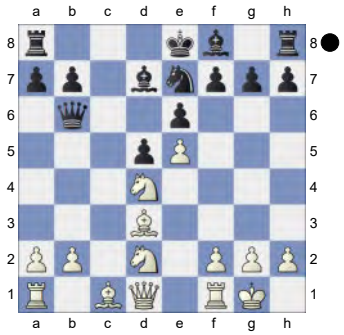
22 **C02**
□ **jeromeovich** **2584**
■ **notkevich** **2766**
Blitz 10.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
White uses the Milner-Barry to upset a higher-rated opponent. **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**

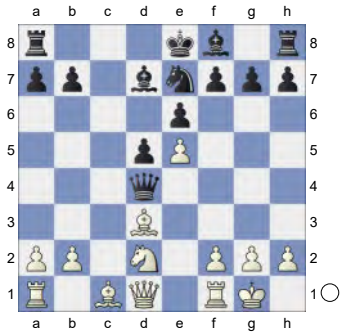
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6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Nxd4



Remove Defender **10...Qxd4**



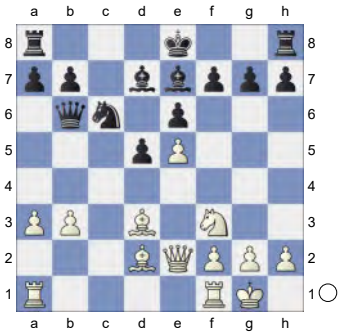
11.Nf3 Qa4 The position is equal.
12.Qe2
[12.b3 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qd8 14.Ng5 *(14.Rc1 Nc6 15.Bb1 Ba3 16.Rc3 Bb4 17.Bg5 Qa5 18.Rd3 h6 19.Bc1 0-0-0 20.Bb2 g5 21.Qc1 Kb8 22.a3 Be7 23.b4 Qb6 24.Qd1 g4 25.Nd2 h5 26.Nb3 Rdg8 27.Qe2 h4 28.Bc1 g3* Gitelson,A (2207)-Sabirov,T (2019) Cheliabinsk 2023 0-1 (39)*)*
14...Nc6 15.f4 g6 16.a3 Be7 17.Kh1 Nxe5 18.Bc3 Bf6 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Nxf7 Kxf7 21.fxe5+ Kg7 22.Qg4

Rf8 23.h4 Qe7 24.h5 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Rf8 26.Rxf8 Kxf8 Tsamriuk,A (2516)-7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.N2b3!? (2522) Erfurt 2016 HCL 33 [Fleetwood,D] 0-1 (63)]

12...Nc6 13.b3 Qa5 14.a3 Be7N

[14...Bc5 15.Bb2 Qb6 16.b4 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxd4 18.Rac1 Ke7 19.Qd2 f6 20.exf6+ Bxf6 21.Rfe1 Qd6 22.Ng5 Be5 23.Nf3 Bf4 24.Qb2 Kf7 25.Rcd1 Rae8 26.g3 Bh6 27.Ne5+ Ke7 28.Qd4 Bg5 29.Nxd7 Compton,A (2061)-Rozycki,B (2231) Olympia Conference Centre, Lo 2015 [John Watson] 1-0 Kxd7 30.Bb5+ 1-0 (30) Donaldson,J (2061)-8.00 d5 (2231) Malmoe/Kobenhavn 90/458 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A]]

15.Bd2 Qb6



16.b4 0-0 -0.02/18

[16...a5∓ -0.36/19]

17.h4 -0.41/21

[17.Be3= -0.02/18 should be considered. Qc7 18.Rac1]

17...f6 0.30/19

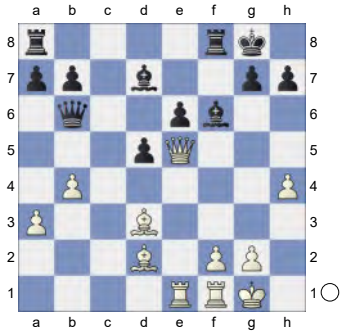
[17...Nd4∓ -0.41/21 18.Nxd4 Qxd4]

18.Rae1 -0.86/23

[18.Be3= 0.30/19 remains equal. Qd8 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Rad1]

18...fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qxe5 Bf6

(Diagram)



21.Qh5 -0.81/22

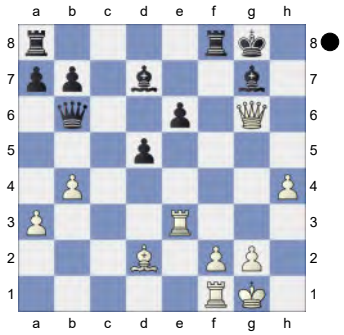
[21.Qg3∓ -0.43/21]

21...g6∓ 22.Bxg6 -1.90/23 **hxg6-+ 23.Qxg6+ Bg7** And now ...e5! would win.

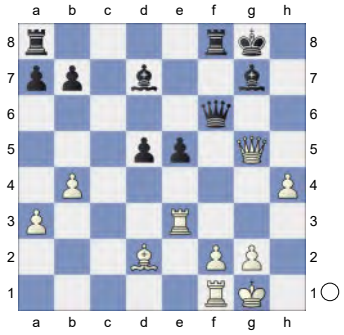
[23...Kh8 24.Bf4 Bd4 25.Be5+ Bxe5 26.Rxe5+-]

24.Re3 -3.10/22

[24.Be3∓ -1.54/20 Qd8 25.Bd4]



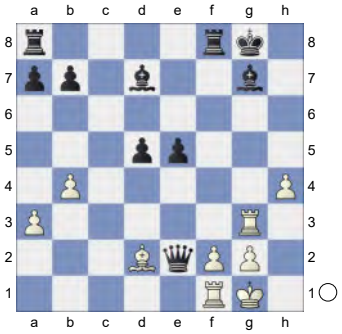
Against e5. White does not recover from this. **24...e5 25.Qg5 Qf6**



26.Qh5 Qf5 27.Qe2 Qg4 28.Rg3? -16.26/22

[28.Qxg4 -2.77/23 Bxg4 29.Rg3]

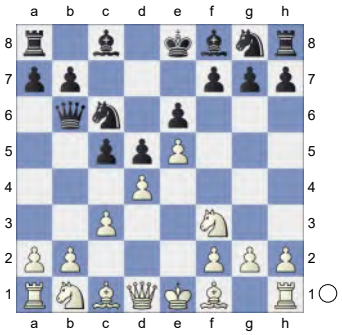
28...Qxe2



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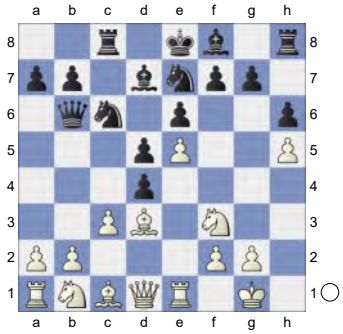
23 **C02**
□ **fireheart92** **2849**
■ **LuukDeGrote** **2610**
Blitz 16.01.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



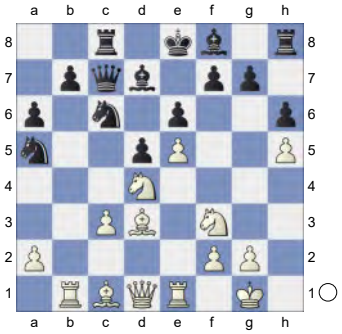
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**

(Diagram)

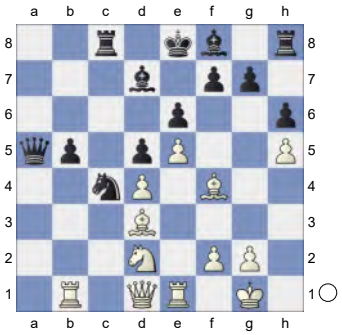


11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nd4N -0.60/21
[14.Ba3⩲ 0.31/23 Qxc3 *(14...Nec6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Qa4 Ne7 17.Qf4 Qxc3 18.Bg6 Be8 19.Re3 Qc7 20.Nd4 Kg8 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.Rg3 f5 23.Qh4 Nac6 24.Nxe6 Bxe6 25.Qf6 Rh7 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Rc1 Rf8 28.Nf3 Qc8 29.Qxc8* 1-0 (48) Savitha Shri,B (2348)-Priansh,D (2317) Budapest Vezerkepzo GM 10 2024 (1) *)* 15.Nb3 Iii Quickstarter Guide-French Advance: 4...Nc6 and 5 Nec6 16.Rc1 Qxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Bxa3 18.Rc2 Nxb3 19.axb3 0-0 20.Qe3 Be7 21.Nd4 Nb4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bb1 a5 24.Nf3 a4 25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Kh2 b5 27.Qa7 Bf8 28.Qd7 Ra8 29.Nd4 Bd1 30.f3 1-0 (35) Quillan,G (2432)-Polgar,S (2404) Pardubice op-A 2005 (2) Bc5 31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 33.Qg6 Bc2 34.Bxc2 Nxc2 35.Qc6 1-0 Guo,A (2432)-Ostrovskiy,A (2404) New York Spring GM-A 2022 (2)]
14...a6 0.24/22
[Black should try 14...Qxc3∓ -0.60/21 15.N2f3 Qc7]
15.N2f3 -0.79/24
[15.N2b3= 0.24/22]
15...Nec6 -0.35/22
[15...Qxc3∓ -0.79/24 16.Bf4 Nec6]

(Diagram)

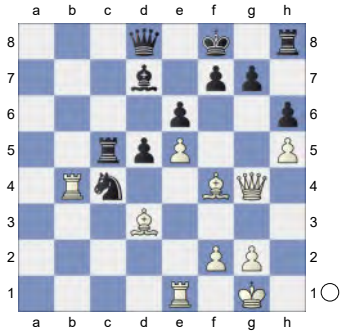


16.a4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Nc4 0.00/23
[17...Qc6∓ -0.37/23]
18.Bf4 -0.67/21
[18.Re2= 0.00/23]
18...b5 -0.24/21
[18...Na3∓ -0.67/21 19.Rc1 Qd8 *(19...Nc4 20.Nd2=)*]
19.axb5= axb5 0.09/20
[⌓19...Bxb5 -0.28/24 20.Bxc4 dxc4]
20.Nd2! Qa5 0.36/23
[20...Na3!= -0.01/22 21.Ra1 b4]

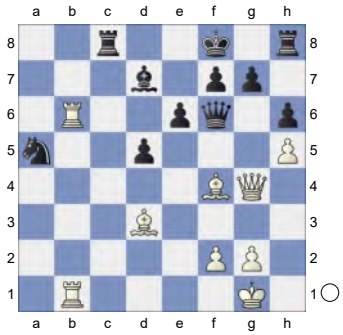


21.Nb3 Qd8 1.93/23
[21...Qa4!= 0.18/21 and Black is okay.]
22.Qg4+- b4 2.65/21
[⌓22...Rb8 1.68/21 23.Nc5 Qc8]
23.Nc5 Bxc5? 4.48/24
[23...Rb8 2.35/20 24.Rec1 Na3]
24.dxc5 2.41/17
[⌓24.Qxg7 4.48/24 Rf8 25.dxc5]
24...Kf8 25.Rxb4 Rxc5

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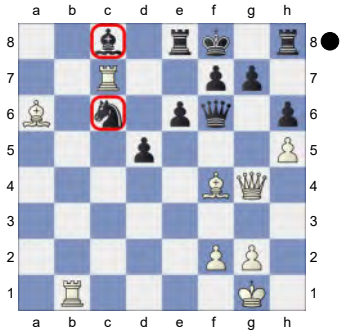


26.Reb1 Rc8 27.Rb7 Strongly threatening Bf4-g3. **27...Na5 28.R7b6** Hoping for Bf4-g3. Black is weak on the dark squares **28...Qc7** 2.90/19
[28...Kg8± 1.58/17 was necessary. 29.Ba6 Nc4]
29.Be3 And now Qg4-b4+ would win.
29...Qxe5? 4.37/19
[29...Kg8 1.78/18 30.Rd6 Be8]
30.Bf4 1.77/21
[⌓30.Qb4+ 4.37/19 Ke8 31.Qxa5]
30...Qf6



31.Ba6 1.03/19 A strong pair of Bishops.
[White should play 31.Rb8+- 1.95/22 Ke7 32.Qg3 Decoy]
31...Re8 2.19/22
[31...Nc4± 1.03/19 might work better.]
32.Rb8? 0.13/22
[32.Rd6+- 2.19/22 Bc8 33.Bxc8 Rxc8 34.Rxd5 Pin]
32...Nc6 0.52/21
[32...Nc4= 0.13/22 deserves consideration.]
33.R8b7↑ White fights for an advantage.

33...Bc8 White must now prevent ...e6-e5! **34.Rc7**

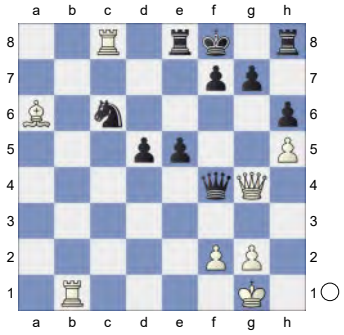


Discovered Attack, Double Attack

34...e5? 5.32/19
[34...Bxa6± 0.56/19 35.Rxc6 Bc8]

35.Rxc8+-
[Stronger than 35.Bxc8 exf4 36.Bd7 Ne5±]

35...Qxf4



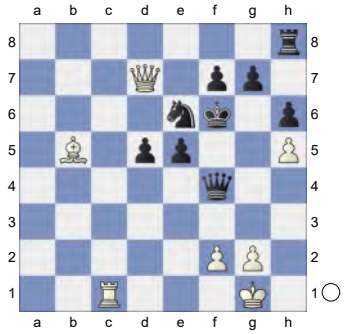
36.Rxe8+ Kxe8 37.Qc8+ Nd8 38.Bb5+ 3.77/19
[⌓38.Qc7 8.37/19 White wants to mate with Ba6-b5+. Qf6 39.Rb8]

38...Ke7 39.Rc1? 0.00/20
[39.Rb3+- 3.54/20]

39...Ne6= 40.Qd7+ -1.67/19
[40.Rc7+!= 0.00/20 and White has nothing to worry. Nxc7 41.Qxc7+ Kf6 42.Qd6+ Kg5 43.g3]

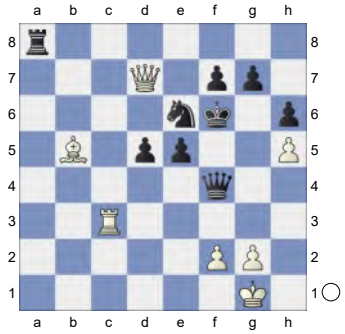
40...Kf6-+

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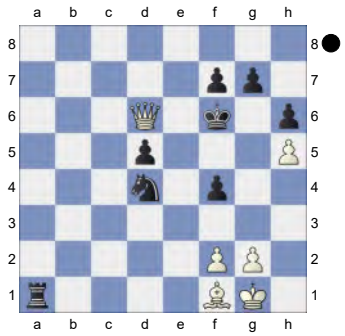
41.Rc3 -3.67/17
[41.Ra1∓ -1.35/20]

41...Ra8?? 3.70/21
[41...Rd8-+ -3.67/17 and all is fine. 42.Qa7 e4]



42.Rf3!+- Pin **42...Ra1+ 43.Bf1 Nd4?** 5.90/20
[43...Qxf3 3.42/21 44.gxf3 d4]

44.Rxf4+ exf4 45.Qd6+

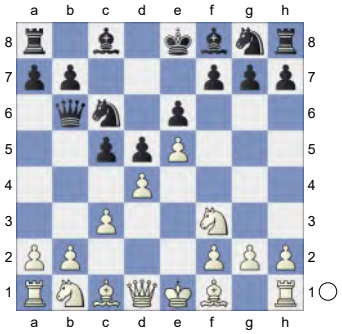


Time forfeit.
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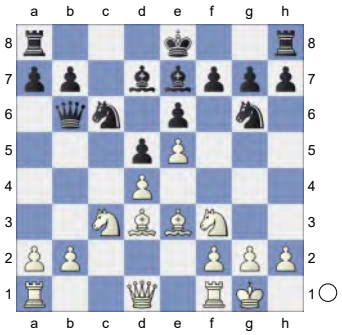
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24 **C02**
□ **muisback** **3021**
■ **ZhohoFF** **2616**
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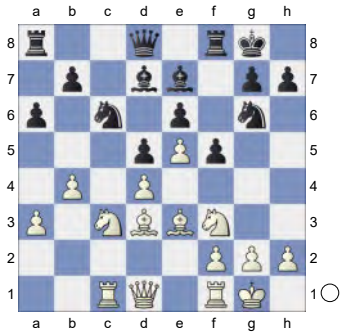
C02: French: Advance Variation
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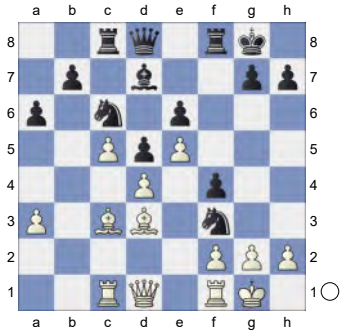
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Nge7 8.cxd4 Bd7 9.Be3 -0.81/20
[9.Kh1!± 0.42/21]
[9.Nc3 Ng6 10.Bc2 Be7 11.g3 0-0-0 12.a3 f6 13.Re1 Rdf8 14.h4 Re8 15.h5 Nf8 16.b4 g6 17.Na4 Qc7 18.h6 b6 19.Bd3 Kb7 20.Bd2 Ra8 21.Rc1 Qd8 22.Qe2 f5 23.Ba6+ Kb8 1-0 (47) Prezzi,M (1529)-Zanchini,D (1692) Arco op 46th 2024 (8)]
9...Ng6? 1.20/19
[9...Qxb2∓ -0.81/20 10.Nbd2 Nb4]
10.Nc3± Be7



Wards off h2-h4 **11.Na4N** White is better.
[11.Rc1 0-0 12.h4 22) French Defense: The 'Smer-French Smerden MBG: 6...cxd4]
11...Qa5 12.Nc3 f5 13.a3 0-0 14.b4 Qd8 15.Rc1 a6

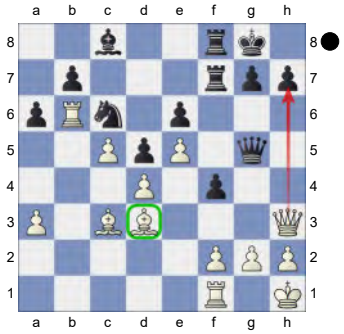


16.Na4 0.46/19
[16.g3± 0.96/20]
16...f4 17.Bd2 Rc8 1.08/19
[17...Be8± 0.61/18]
18.Nc5 0.12/18
[18.g3± 1.08/19]
18...Bxc5!= 19.bxc5 next Bd3xg6 is good for White. **19...Nh4 20.Bc3 Nxf3+**

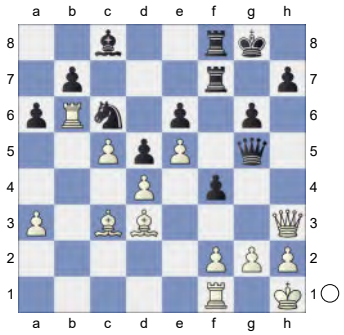


21.Qxf3 Qg5 1.10/21
[21...Qh4= 0.00/17]
22.Rb1± Rc7 23.Rb6 0.63/25
[23.Qh3± 1.14/23]
23...Bc8 1.15/22
[23...Qh6!± 0.63/25]
24.Kh1 Rcf7 1.56/21
[⌓24...Qh6 1.03/19]
25.Qh3

(Diagram)

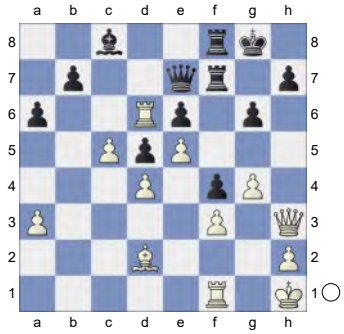


g6 1.78/20
[25...h5± 1.33/20 26.Bxa6 f3]

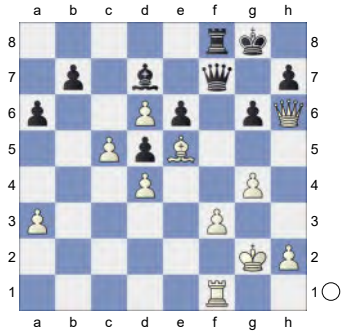


26.f3 1.23/16
[26.Bxa6+- 1.78/20 Threatens to win with Ba6-d3. Nxe5 27.dxe5 bxa6 28.c6]
26...Ne7 1.66/20
[26...Rc7± 1.23/16 27.Bc2 Kg7]
27.Bd2 1.17/18
[27.a4+- 1.66/20]
27...Nf5 1.63/18
[27...Nc6± 1.17/18 was necessary.]
28.Bxf5 Rxf5 Black is weak on the dark squares **29.g4 R5f7 30.Rd6** 1.03/18
[30.Rfb1+- 1.69/20]
30...Qe7

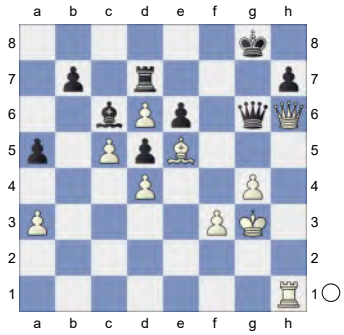
(Diagram)



31.Qh6 1.53/19 White is much more active.
[White should try 31.Rb1 1.11/20]
31...Qc7 2.44/19 Prevents Bd2-a5.
[31...Qe8± 1.53/19 might work better.]
32.Kg2 Rd7? 4.09/20
[32...Qe7 2.03/20 33.Bb4 Qe8]
33.Bxf4 Rxd6 34.exd6
[34.cxd6 Qc2+ 35.Kg3 Qb2]
34...Qf7 6.18/19
[⌓34...Qg7 4.20/19 35.Qxg7+ Kxg7]
35.Be5+- Bd7

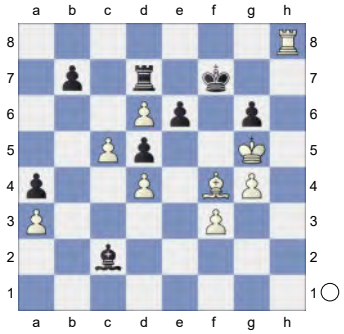


36.Kg3 Bc6 37.h4 Rd8 38.h5 Rd7 39.Rh1 a5 40.hxg6 Qxg6

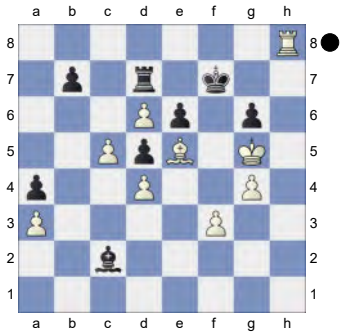


41.Qxg6+ hxg6 Endgame. KRB-KRB

42.Rh8+ Kf7 43.Kf4 Ba4 44.Kg5 Bc2 45.Bf4 a4



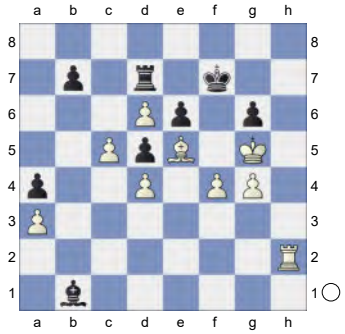
46.Be5



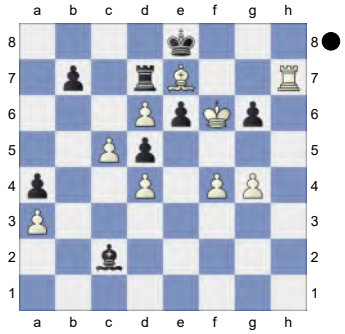
aiming for Kg5-h6. **46...Bb1 47.f4** Kg5-h6 would kill now. **47...Bc2 48.Ra8** 11.28/22

[⌓48.Kh6 24.10/21 Bd3 49.Bg7 Rd8 50.Rxd8 e5 51.Rb8 *(51.Bxe5 Be2 52.Rd7+ Ke8 53.Rxb7 Bb5 54.Rxb5 Kd7 55.Rb7+ Kc6 56.Rb6+ Kd7 57.c6+ Ke8 58.Kxg6 Kf8 59.Rb8#)* 51...Bb5 52.f5 *(52.dxe5 Ke6 53.Rxb7 Bd7 54.c6 d4 55.cxd7 Kd5 56.d8Q g5 57.Kxg5 Ke4)* 52...gxf5 53.gxf5 *(53.dxe5 Ke6 54.Rxb7 d4 55.Rxb5 Kd7 56.gxf5 Kc6 57.d7 Kxb5)* 53...Be8 54.dxe5 *(54.Bxe5 Bd7 55.Rxb7 Ke8 56.f6 Be6 57.c6 Kf8 58.d7 Bxd7 59.cxd7 Kf7 60.d8Q+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Ke6 61.Qd7#; 54.Rxb7+ Kg8 55.d7 Bxd7 56.Rxd7 exd4 57.Kg6 d3 58.Rd8#)* 54...Kg8 55.Rxe8+ Kf7 56.Rf8#]

48...Bb3 49.Rh8 Intending Kg5-h6 and mate. **49...Bc2 50.Rh2 Bb1**



51.Bf6 White wants to mate with Rh2-h7+. **51...Bd3 52.Be7** Threatening mate with Rh2-h7+. **52...Bc2 53.Rh7+ Ke8 54.Kf6**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.31/ Black=0.69

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25 **C02**

□ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2838**

■ **MatthewG-p4p** **2735**

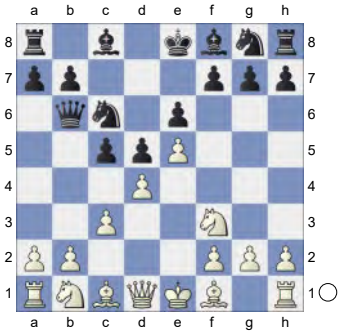
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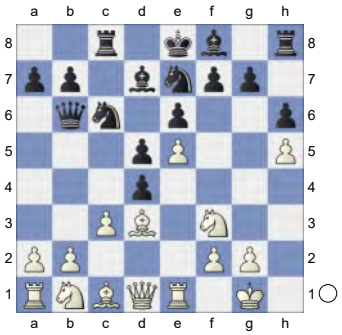
C02: French: Advance Variation

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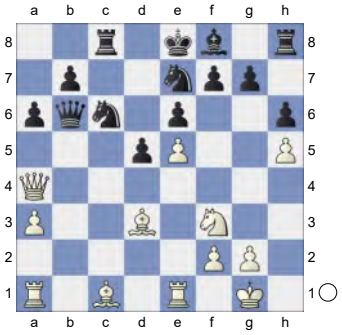
(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1! White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**



11.a3 a6 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4! Discovered Attack **14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6**



16.Rb1⇄ White is not holding back

[16.Be3 Qa5 17.Qg4 Qc7 18.Qg3 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Rad1 Rd8 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Rg8 23.Rc1 Qb8 24.Bb6 Rc8 25.e6 Bd6 26.Rxc8+ Qxc8 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.Qxd6 Re8 29.Qg6+ Kf8 30.Bc5+ Qxc5 1-0 Dubreuil,J (2104)-Santos Santos Flores,A (2230) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late blitz 2025 (3)]

16...Qc7 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Qf4N

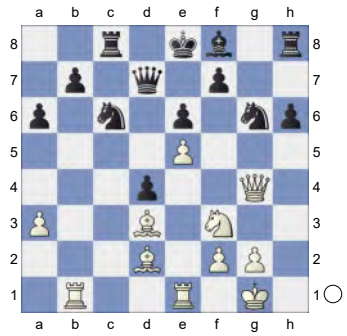
[18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4 21.g3 Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc4 26.Bc3 f6 27.Bd4 Kf7 28.Nh4 e5 29.Ng6 Rg8 30.Bf2 Bd6 31.Rd1 Qc6 32.Qd3 d4 1-0 (55) Zhigalko,S (2572)-Galchenko,M (2438) Titled Tue 22nd Aug Early blitz 2023 (11)]

[18.Qg4 Rc7 19.Nh4 Rg8 20.a4 g5 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nxg6 Nxg6 23.Bxg6+ Kd8 24.Qf3 Qg7 25.Bh5 Be7 26.Qh3 Kd7 27.Rb3 Bc5 28.Bxh6 Qh7 29.Rf3 Kc8 30.Qxe6+ Kb8 31.Rf7 Qc2 32.Rc1 Qe4 1-0 (41) Schneider,I (2475)-Khadempour,F (2141) Neckar op 20th 2023 (4) 33.Bf3 Qxe5 34.Qxd5 Bd6 35.Rxc7 Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Re8 37.Rxb7+ Ka8 38.Qh5 Qe5 39.Qxe8+ Qxe8 40.Bxc6 Qh5 41.Rbb1+ 1-0 Lazic,M (2475)-Knoeppel,B (2141) Budapest 1996 (4)]

18...d4 0.53/19

[18...Rc7= -0.15/20]

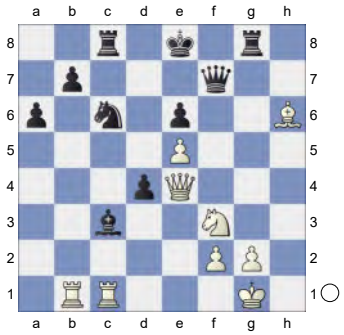
19.Qg4 g6 20.hxg6 Nxg6



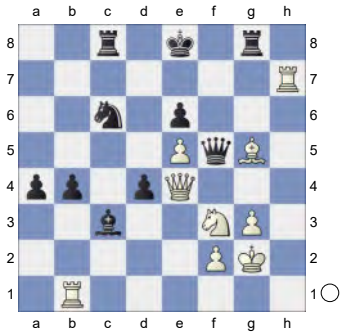
21.Bxg6 A strong pair of Bishops. **21...Rg8! 22.Bxf7+** Discovered Attack **22...Qxf7 23.Qe4 Bxa3**

[23...Rc7 simplifies 24.g3 Qg6 25.a4 Qxe4 26.Rxe4 Rd7]

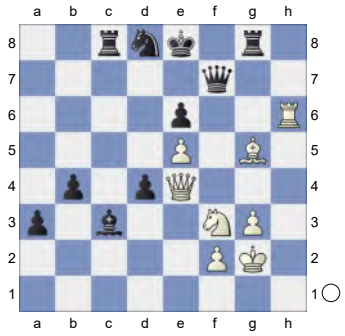
24.Bxh6 -0.58/18
[Better is 24.Rb3= -0.01/21 Bc5 25.Rc1]
24...Bb4 0.00/21
[24...Qg6∓ -0.58/18 25.Qxg6+ Rxg6]
25.Rec1= Bc3



26.Bg5 -0.47/23
[26.Bd2= 0.27/19]
26...b5!∓ ...Qf7-f5 would now be deadly.
27.g3? -2.60/18
[27.Be3!∓ -0.33/18]
27...b4? -0.10/19
[27...Qf5-+ -2.60/18 28.Qxf5 exf5]
28.Kg2? -1.95/18
[28.Bf6= -0.10/19 and White is okay.]
28...a5? 0.00/19
[28...Qf5-+ -1.95/18 29.Qxf5 exf5]
29.Rh1 Bg5-f6 is the strong threat.
29...a4 1.22/20
[29...Qf5= -0.03/21 remains equal. 30.Qxf5 exf5]
30.Rh7 Qf5

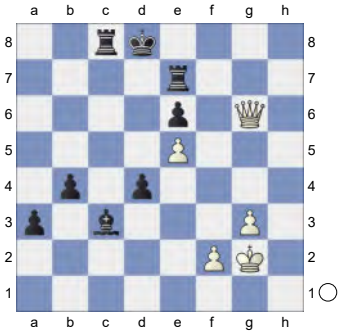


Deflection **31.Qh4** 0.00/21 **Qxb1=**
32.Rh6 Threatens to win with Qh4-h5+.
32...Qf5 0.87/23
[32...Kd7= 0.00/21 keeps the balance. 33.Rh7+ Ke8]
33.Qh5+? -2.16/20
[33.Rf6± 0.87/23 Rxg5 34.Nxg5 Qxe5 35.Rxe6+ Qxe6 36.Nxe6]
33...Qf7 5.19/18
[33...Kd7-+ -2.16/20 and life is good for Black. 34.Rf6 Rxg5 35.Rf7+ Ke8 *(35...Ne7 36.Nxg5 d3 37.Rxf5=)* 36.Nxg5 Qxg5 Remove Defender *(36...Qxe5 37.Rg7+ Kf8 38.Qh8#)* 37.Qxg5 Kxf7 38.Qf6+ Ke8 39.Qxe6+ Ne7]
34.Qg4?? -5.47/17
[34.Rxe6++- 5.19/18 is the narrow road to win. Kf8 35.Rf6 Pin]
34...Nd8 Black is clearly winning.
35.Qe4 a3



36.Bxd8 Kxd8
[36...Rxd8 37.Rh7=]
37.Rh7 Rg7 38.Ng5 Rxh7
[Worse is 38...Rxg5 39.Rxf7 Rc7 40.Qa8+ Rc8 41.Rf8+ Ke7 42.Qxc8 *(42.Rxc8 Kf7 43.Rh8 Kg6 44.Qf8 Rxe5 45.Rh6+ Kg5 46.Qf4#; 42.Rxc8 Kf7 43.Rh8 Kg6 44.Qf8 Rxe5 45.Rh6+ Kg5 46.Qf4#)*]
39.Nxf7+ Rxf7 40.Qg6 Re7

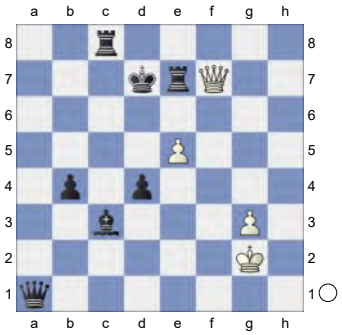
(Diagram)



Strongly threatening ...a3-a2. **41.Qf6 Kd7 42.f4 a2 43.f5 a1Q** (-> ...Qa1-a2+)

[Weaker is 43...a1B 44.fxe6+ Rxe6 45.Qf7+ Re7 46.Qd5+ Kc7 *(46...Ke8 47.Qg8+ Kd7 48.Qd5+ Ke8 49.Qg8+ Kd7 50.Qd5+=)* 47.Qd6+ Kb7 48.Qxe7+ Rc7 49.Qd8=]

44.fxe6+ Rxe6 45.Qf7+ Re7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.75/ Black=0.53

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26 **C02**

□ **ErickShneider2006** **2948**

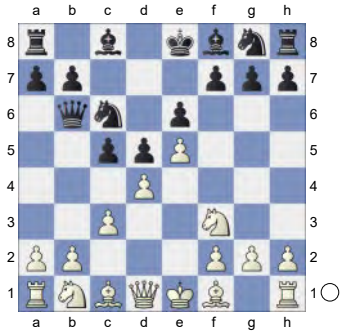
■ **ZhohoFF** **2712**

Blitz 26.06.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nh6N 0.75/21

[8...Nxd4∓ -0.34/21 keeps the upper hand.

A) 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Bc5 15.Bxa6 Qf2 4) Vorstoßvariante-4C] Vorstoßvariante mit 6.L 16.Bb5 Qxe2 17.Bxd7+ Kxd7 18.Nxe2 Nc2 19.Rb1 Rxa2 10. 6. Bd3-Old Mainline 15. Bxa6 1;

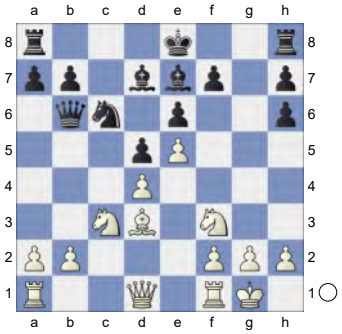
B) 9.Nbd2 Nc6 *(9...Bc5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nf3 Bc5 12.b4 Qxb4 13.Rb1 Qa4 14.Qxa4 Bxa4 15.Rxb7 Bb6 16.Ng5 Nh6 17.Ba3 Bd8 18.h4 a6 19.Rc1 Bd7 20.g3 Be7 21.Rcc7 Bxa3 22.Rxd7 0-0 23.Bxh7+ Kh8 24.Bd3* ½-½ (34) Mason,D (2067)-Dignam,M (2057) Daventry 4NCL Easter op 3rd 2023 (7) *)* 10.Nb3 Nge7 11.Re1 Ng6 12.h4 Qc7 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Bg5 Be7 15.Bxe7 Kxe7 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.Qd2 Rac8 18.Rc3 Be8 19.Nbd4 Bd7 20.Rb3 Qa6 21.Nb5 Qa5 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.Nd6 Nd4 1-0 (36) Durarbayli,V (2513)-Shankland,S (2657) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (11);

C) 9.Nc3 Bc5]

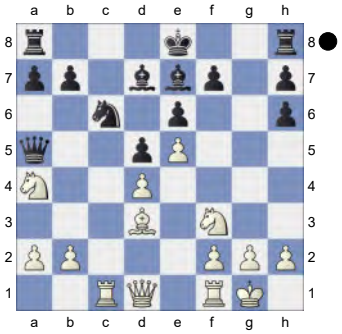
9.Nc3± Be7 1.72/23

[9...Nxd4± 1.08/19 10.Nxd4 Qxd4]

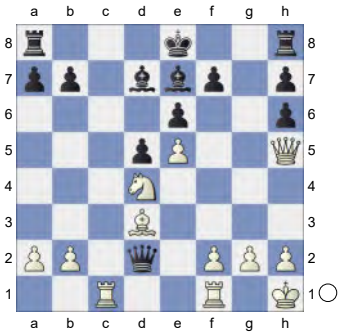
10.Bxh6 gxh6



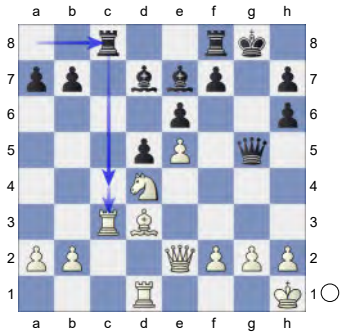
White is clearly better. **11.Na4 Qa5**
12.Rc1 -0.04/18
[12.Nc3± 1.42/20]



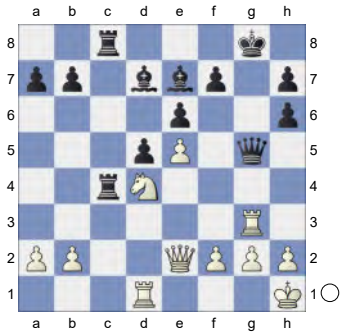
12...Nxd4!= 13.Nxd4 Bxa4 0.97/24
[13...Qxa4= -0.05/22 14.Qg4 h5]
14.Qh5 Bd7 15.Kh1 -0.46/21
White is much more active. The black rooks are passive.
[15.Qxh6± 0.88/22 Qxa2 16.Nb5 *(16.Bxh7 Qxb2 17.Nf3 a5=; 16.Qg7 Rf8=)* 16...Bxb5 17.Bxb5+ Kd8 18.Be2]
15...Qd2!∓



16.Rfd1 Qg5 0.34/22
[Black should try 16...Qxf2∓ -0.55/24
17.Nf3 Bc6 *(17...Qxb2 18.Rb1=)*]
17.Qe2± Strongly threatening Rc1-c7.
17...0-0 1.06/23
[17...a6± 0.43/20]
18.Rc3 0.38/25
[18.Rc7± 1.06/23 Rfd8 19.Rxb7]
18...Rac8

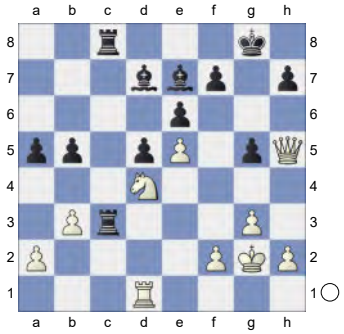


19.Bc4! Rxc4
[19...Qg6 20.Rg3]
20.Rg3 Pin **20...Rfc8** 1.33/21

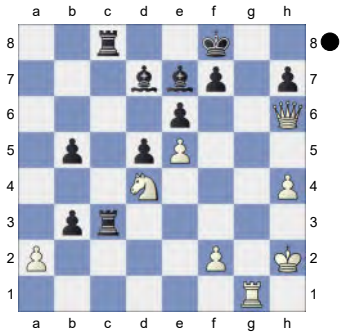


21.Rxg5+± hxg5 22.b3 Rc3 23.g3
White has strong compensation. **23...a6**
24.Qh5 0.58/21
[Better is 24.a4± 1.22/22]
24...a5 2.00/26 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[24...Bb5!± 0.58/21]
25.Kg2 b5

(Diagram)



26.h4 gxh4 3.12/20
[⌓26...b4 1.96/21 27.Nf3 *(27.hxg5 Rc1+-)* 27...Rxf3 28.Qxf3 Bb5]
27.gxh4+- aiming for Nd4-e2. **27...a4** 4.71/23
[⌓27...Kh8 3.00/23 28.Qxf7 Rg8+ 29.Kh2 Rg7]
28.Rg1 2.80/20
[⌓28.Ne2 4.71/23 R3c7 29.Rg1]
28...axb3? #9/15
[28...Rc1+- 2.80/20 29.Rxc1 Rxc1]
29.Kh2+ Kf8 30.Qh6+

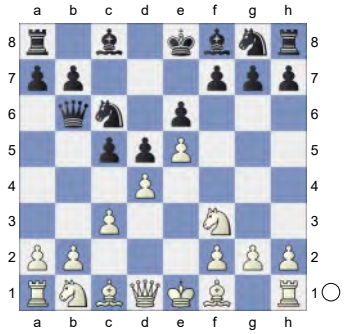


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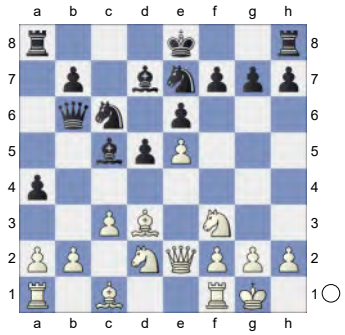
27 **C02**
☐ **Off-War** **2821**
■ **mr_bh6** **2703**
Blitz 11.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5 9.Nbd2 a4 0.87/22 Wards off Nd2-b3
[9...f6!± 0.44/19]
10.Qe2
[10.b4 axb3 11.Nxb3 Nge7 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3 Qxc3 14.Rb1 0-0 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg6 17.Rc1 Qxe5 18.Qc2+ Qf5 19.Qb2 f6 20.Nf3 Kf7 21.Qxb7 Rfd8 22.Rfe1 e5 23.Bc5 d4 24.h3 Rab8 0-1 (37) Gitelson,A (2319)-Martin Fuentes,A (2375) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (1)]
10...Nge7



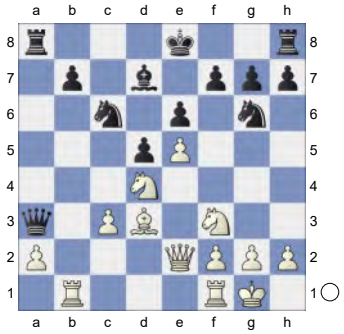
11.b4 Hoping for Bc1-a3! **11...axb3** White is slightly better. **12.Nxb3 Ng6N**
[12...Ba3 13.Bf4 *(13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nbd4* Iii Quickstarter Guide-French Advance: 4...Nc6 and 5*)* 13...Qc7 14.Rab1 Na5 15.Nbd4 Qxc3 16.Nc2 Nec6 17.Rb5 Nb4 18.Rxb4 Bxb4 19.Bd2 Qb2 20.Bxb4 Nc6 21.Bd6 Rxa2 22.Qd2 h6 23.h4

Ne7 24.Qe3 Nc8 25.Bb4 Ra4 26.Qd2 Bc6 27.Nfd4 1-0 (35) Tukhaev,A (2546)-Bochkarev,A (2410) Samara Polugaevsky Memorial 2nd 2012 (4)]

13.Rb1 Ba3 14.Nbd4 Qa5 2.04/21
[14...Nxd4± 1.36/19 15.cxd4 Qc7]

15.Bxa3
[15.Rxb7?! Bxc1 16.Bxg6 *(16.Rxc1 Nf4±)* 16...hxg6±]

15...Qxa3 3.07/19
[15...Nxd4 1.65/21 is a better defense. 16.Nxd4 *(16.cxd4 Nf4±)* 16...Qxa3]



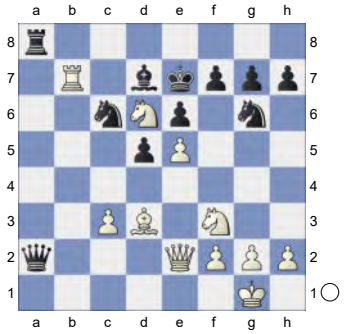
16.Nb5+-
[16.Rxb7 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 *(17.cxd4 Nf4=)* 17...Nf4=]

16...Qa5
[But not 16...Nf4? 17.Qd2 *(17.Nxa3 Nxe2+ 18.Bxe2 Rxa3±)* 17...Nxd3 18.Nxa3+-]

17.Nd6+ Ke7 18.Rxb7? 1.00/19
[18.Qe3+- 2.76/16]

18...Rhb8± 19.Rfb1 -0.19/21 Some like it hot. White is much more active.
[19.Bxg6± 1.05/20 Rb7xb8 is the strong threat. hxg6 20.Rxb8 Rxb8 21.Qe3]

19...Rxb7= 20.Rxb7 And now Bd3xg6 would win. **20...Qxa2?** 1.83/19
[20...Qxc3= -0.29/21 21.Bxg6 Rxa2 Back Rank]

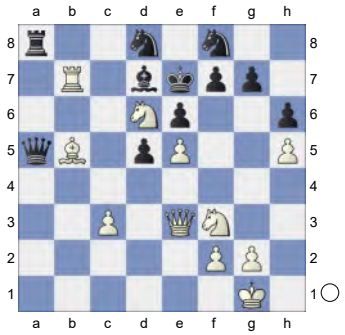


21.Qe3+- Qa1+ 22.Bf1 aiming for Qe3-c5. **22...h6?** 4.54/20 Loses the game.
[22...Rb8± 1.56/18 keeps fighting.]

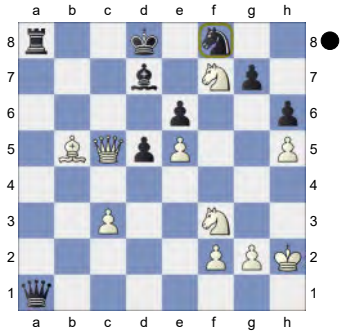
23.h4 Qa5 5.49/20
[⌓23...d4 3.83/19 24.cxd4 Nd8]

24.h5 Nf8 7.07/18
[⌓24...Nd8 4.81/16 25.Rxd7+ *(25.hxg6 Nxb7 26.Nxb7 Qa7+-)* 25...Kxd7 26.hxg6 Ke7 27.gxf7 Nxf7]

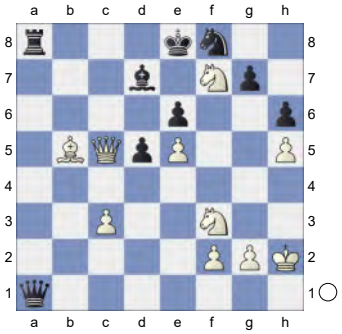
25.Bb5 Nd8



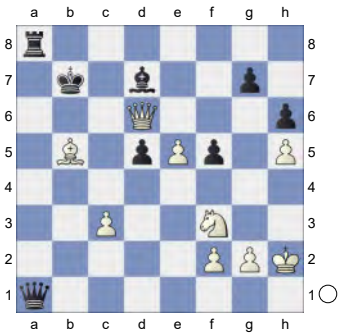
26.Qc5! Threatening mate with Nd6-f5+.
26...Qa1+ 27.Kh2 Nd6-f5+ would kill now. **27...Nxb7 28.Nxb7+ Ke8 29.Nd6+** Deflection **29...Kd8 30.Nxf7+**



Discovered Attack. A dynamic duo of knights. **30...Ke8**



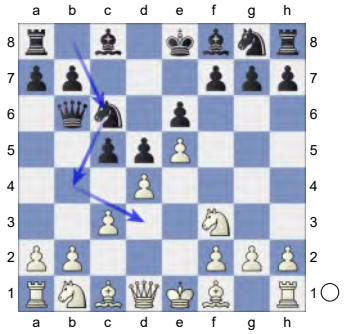
31.Nd6+ Kd8 32.Nf5 Discovered Attack **32...exf5?** #10/14
[32...Qa3+- 3.94/17 33.Qb6+ Ke8 34.Nd6+ *(34.Nxg7+ Kf7+-)* 34...Ke7]
33.Qxf8+ Kc7 34.Qd6+ Kb7



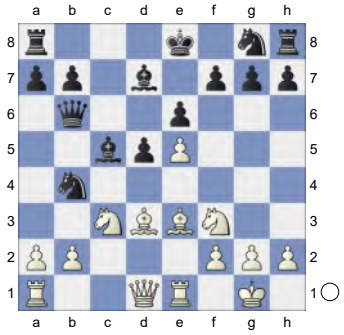
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1-0

28 **C02**
☐ **Herushkanamura** **2895**
■ **SEXY_BOY_007** **2983**
Blitz 29.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4
[1.Nf3]
1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

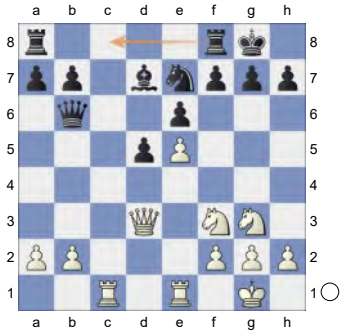


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 dxc3 0.42/18
[8...Nge7= 0.05/20]
9.Nxc3± White is slightly better. **9...Nb4**
[9...h6 10.h4 Nb4 11.Be3 Qd8 12.Bb1 Ne7 13.a3 Nbc6 14.b4 g6 15.Nb5 Nc8 16.Bc5 a6 17.Nbd4 N6e7 18.Ne2 b6 19.Bd4 Nf5 20.Bxf5 gxf5 21.Nf4 Be7 22.Nxd5 Bc6 23.Nf6+ Kf8 24.Rc1 1-0 (33) Garbusov (2410)-Escher,F (2484) Sautron op qual 19th 2019 (9)]
[9...Bb4 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nge7 12.h4 h6 13.h5 Qc7 14.Rb1 Na5 15.Nd4 Nf5 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Qf3 Be6 18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Qd7 20.e6 fxe6 21.Rxe6+ Kd8 22.Bf4 Nc4 23.Rd1 1-0 Pellicoro,N (1845)-Thode,G (1871) SUI-ch (Women) 122nd 2023 (5)]
10.Be3 Bc5

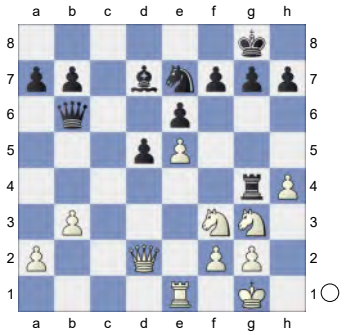


11.Bxc5 Qxc5 12.Rc1N -0.52/19
[12.Bf1= 0.01/20]
[12.Bb1 Ne7 13.a3 Nbc6 14.Qd2 Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French

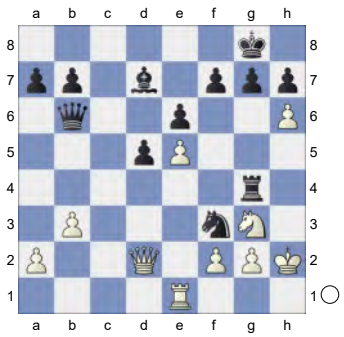
5...Qb6 #16]
12...Nxd3!∓ 13.Qxd3 Nf3-d4 is the strong threat. **13...Qb6 14.Ne2 Ne7 15.Ng3** -1.14/20
[15.Qa3∓ -0.39/20]
15...0-0∓



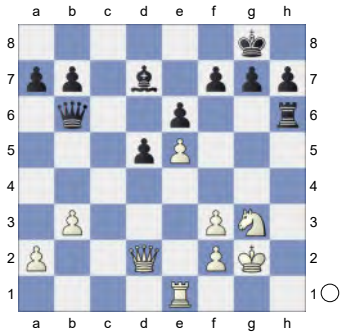
16.Qd2 Rac8 17.h4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Re1 -1.87/20
[19.Rxc8+∓ -0.80/18 Nxc8 *(19...Bxc8 20.h5∓)* 20.Nh5]
19...Rc4-+ 20.b3 Rg4



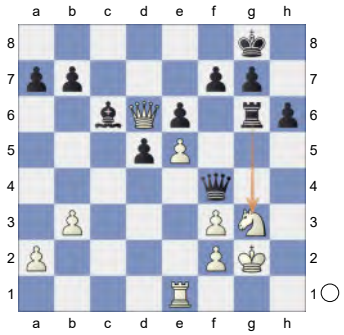
21.Kh2 Nc6 22.h5 -2.13/21
[22.Rc1 -1.62/18 keeps fighting.]
22...Nd4 23.h6 -3.07/20
[⌓23.Ng1 -2.00/20 Rh4+ 24.Nh3]
23...Nxf3+



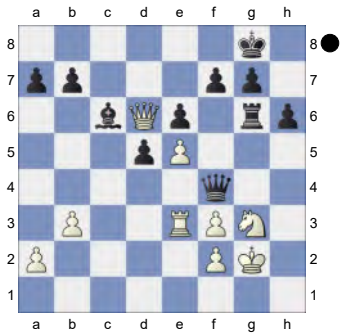
Remove Defender **24.gxf3 Rh4+ 25.Kg2 Rxh6**
[Weaker is 25...gxh6 26.Rh1 Qb4 27.Qxb4 Rxb4 28.Rxh6∓]



26.Qg5 Rg6 27.Qe7 Bc6 28.Rh1 h6 29.Qd6? -5.86/18
[29.Rh4 -3.22/18]
29...Qd4 Black is clearly winning.
30.Re1 Qf4

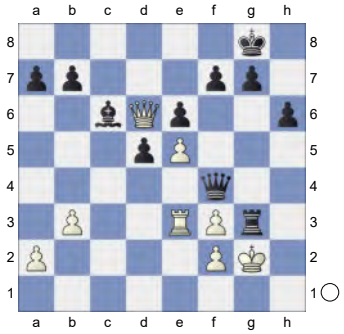


Strongly threatening ...Rg6xg3+! **31.Re3**



Rxg3+!

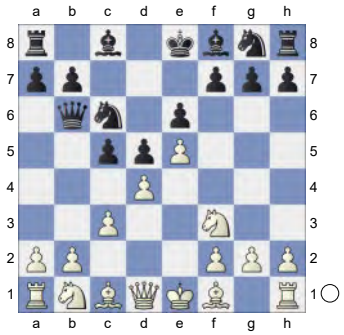
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Deflection.
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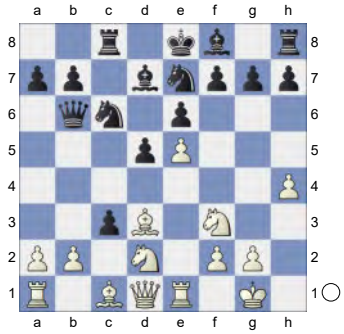
29 **C02**
□ **Sergo-Vladivostok** **2592**
■ **HELMUT_LANG** **2667**
Blitz 30.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



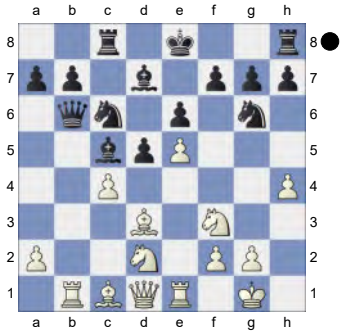
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.h4 -0.39/17
[9.Nbd2= -0.07/17]
9...Nge7 10.Nbd2 dxc3

(Diagram)

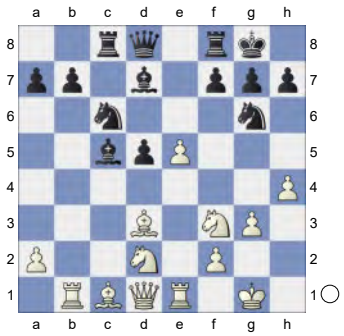


11.bxc3 Ng6N
[11...Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 *(13.Ba3 Nec6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Ne7 17.Bd3 Bc6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Nec6 20.Qd3 h6 21.Qc3 Ne7 22.Qe3 Nec6 23.Rec1 Qe7 24.Rc5 Rd8 25.Rbc1 g6 26.Qc3 Qc7 27.h5 g5* Roberson,P (2430)-Sieciechowicz,M (2387) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (62)*)* 13...Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Ke8 25.Qg4 Rg8 26.Be2 Luehrig,W (2670)-5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 cd4 (2559) Monte Carlo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (100) Nc4 27.Bxh6 Qe4 28.Qxe4 dxe4 29.Bg5 Bc6 30.Rb3 Rxb3 31.axb3 Na5 32.Bd1 Bd5 33.Bc2 Bb4 34.Re2 Nxb3 35.Bxb3 Bxb3 36.Rb2 Bc3 37.Rxb3 Bxd4 38.Bf4 Bxf2 39.g3 f6 40.Kg2 Bd4 41.Ng6 Luehrig,W (2670)-5.Nf3 Qb6 6. Be2 cd4 (2559) Monte Carlo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (100)]
12.c4 -1.14/19
[12.Nb3= 0.08/18]
12...Bc5∓ 13.Rb1

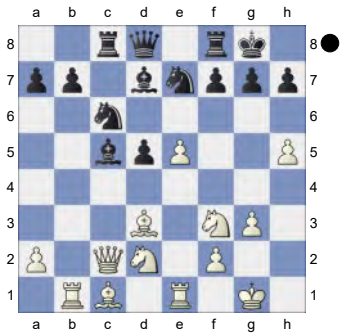
(Diagram)



Qd8 0.53/18 &Nero is more active.
[Stronger than 13...Bxf2+ 14.Kf1 Nb4 15.Rxb4 Qxb4 16.Kxf2∓]
[13...Nb4!∓ -1.32/18 14.Kf1 Nf4]
14.cxd5± exd5 15.g3 -0.20/19
[15.Rxb7± 0.71/18 Strongly threatening Nb3. Na5 16.Rb2]
15...0-0=

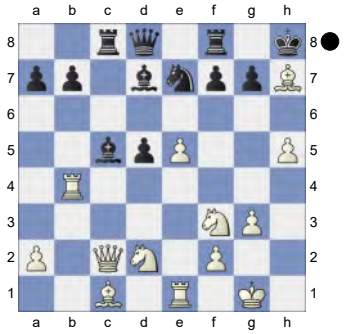


16.h5 Nge7 17.Qc2? -1.83/20
[17.Rxb7= -0.19/17 Na5 18.Rb1]

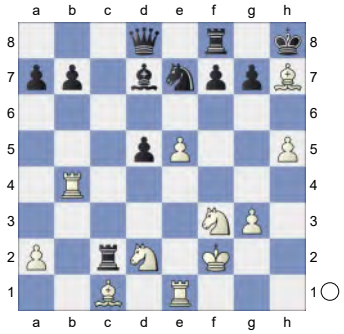


17...Nb4!-+ 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Rxb4

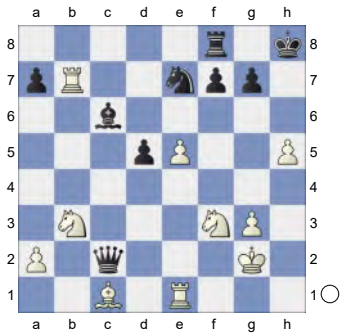
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Bxf2+! 0.52/19 **20.Kxf2± Rxc2**

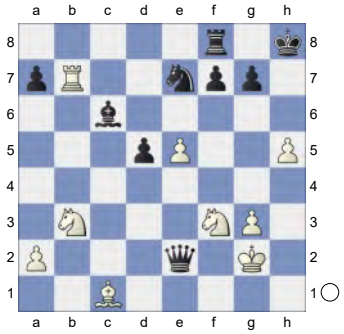


21.Bxc2 Black must now prevent Ba3.
21...Qc7 Threatens to win with ...Qc5+.
22.Rb1? -2.80/20 **Qxc2 23.Rxb7** -3.41/21
[23.Ba3 -2.03/18 might work better. Re8 24.Rec1]
23...Qc5+-+ 24.Kg2 Bc6 25.Nb3? -7.93/21
[25.Rb3 -2.21/20 d4 26.Ba3]
25...Qc2+



26.Re2 Qxe2+

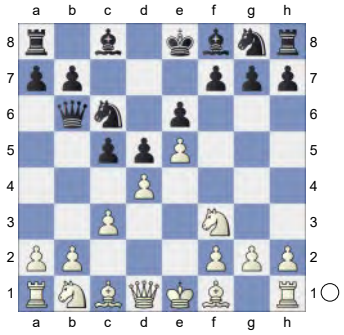
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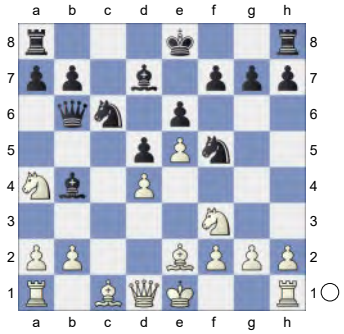
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30 **C02**
☐ **unknown2011** **2578**
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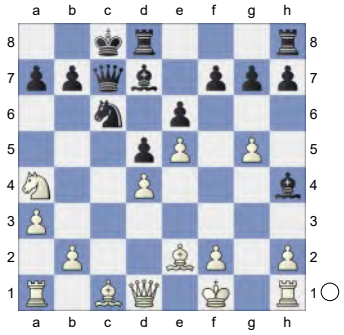
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C02: French: Advance Variation
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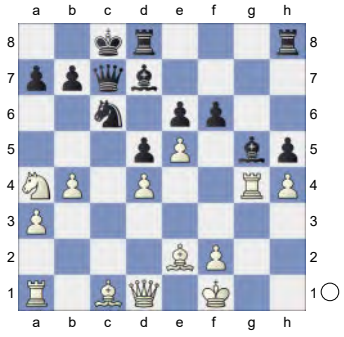
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nh6 9.Nc3 Nf5 10.Na4 Bb4+N
[10...Qa5+ 11.Nc3 Bb4 12.Qd3 Qb6 13.a3 Be7 14.Be3 Qxb2 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Rfb1 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.g4 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 0-0 20.Bd3 f6 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Kh1 Na5 23.g5 Be7 24.Nc3 Rc8 25.Ne2 Noetzel,T (2055)-Pavlovic,B (2050) Leon 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 1-0 (44)]



The position is equal. **11.Kf1!** **Qc7** 0.70/20
[11...Qd8= 0.25/21]
12.a3
[12.g4 feels hotter. Nfxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxe5 14.Be3]
12...Be7 13.g4 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.g5 0-0-0



16.Rg1 Strongly threatening Rg4.
16...h6 17.gxh6 gxh6 18.b4 f6 19.Rg4 Bg5 20.h4 h5 0.77/20



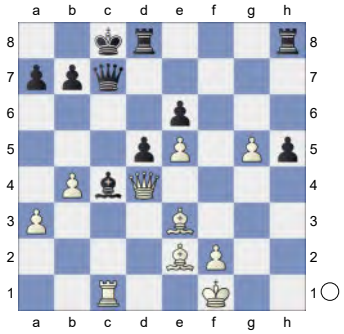
21.Rxg5±
[21.hxg5? hxg4 22.Kg2 fxe5 23.Bxg4 e4-+]
21...fxg5 22.hxg5 0.05/18

[22.Bxg5± 1.13/18 Black must now prevent Rc1. a6 23.Rc1 *(23.Bxh5 Nxd4 24.Qxd4 Bxa4±; 23.Bxd8? Qxd8 24.Qd3 Qxh4-+)*]

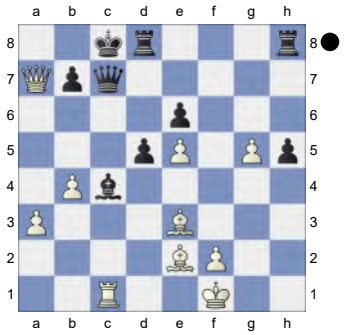
22...Nxd4 23.Qxd4 Bxa4 24.Be3! Bb3 1.45/21 White now steadily converts the win.

[24...Qb6= 0.23/20 remains equal.]

25.Rc1↑ White is in control. **25...Bc4**



26.Qxa7



And now Bxc4 would win. **26...Kd7**

27.Kg1

[Reject 27.Bxc4?! dxc4 28.Qd4+ Ke8 29.Rxc4 Rxd4=]

27...Qxe5 2.18/21

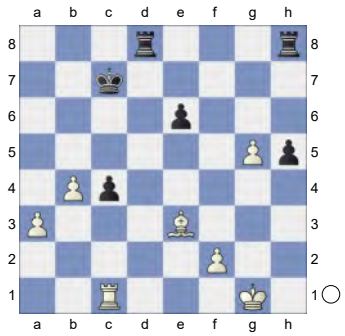
[27...Ke8± 1.33/17]

28.Qxb7++-

[Much less strong is 28.Bxc4?! dxc4 29.Qxb7+ Ke8±]

28...Qc7 29.Qxc7+ Kxc7 30.Bxc4 dxc4

(Diagram)

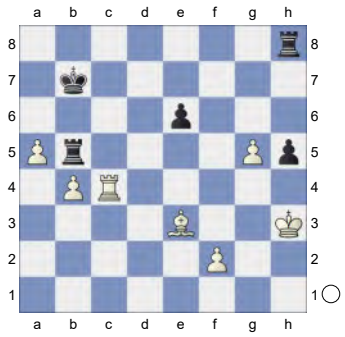


31.Rxc4+ Endgame KRR-KRB **31...Kb7 32.a4 Rd5 33.Kg2 Re5?** 4.23/23

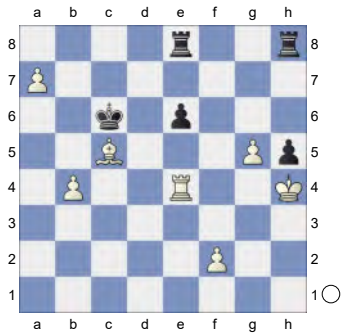
[33...Rg8 2.02/19 34.a5 Rd3]

34.Kh3 Rd5 35.a5 Rb5 5.18/20

[35...Rg8 3.65/18 was necessary. 36.Kh4 Rd1 37.Kxh5 Rh1+ 38.Kg4 Rgh8]

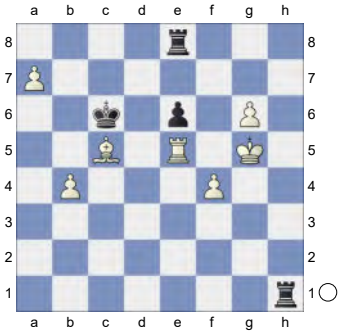


36.Re4 Kc7 37.Bc5 Kd7 38.Kh4 Rbb8 39.a6 Rbe8 40.a7 Kc6

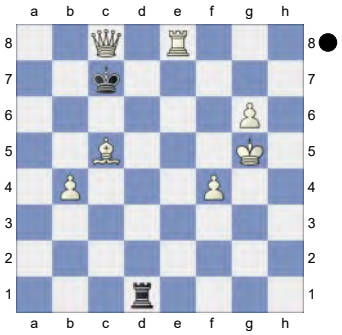


41.f4 Kd5 42.Re5+ Kc6 43.g6 Rhg8 44.Kxh5 Rh8+ 45.Kg5 Rh1

(Diagram)



46.Rxe6+!! White mates. **46...Kd7**
[46...Rxe6 47.a8Q+]
47.Rxe8 Rd1 48.a8Q Kc7 49.Qc8#

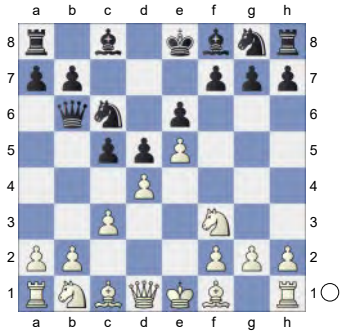


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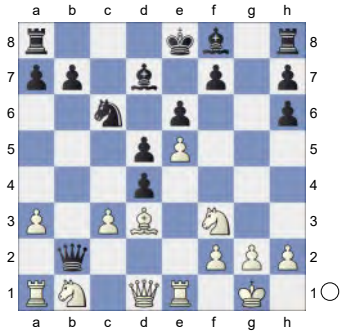
31 **C02**
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■ **ecstasyuser** **2694**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
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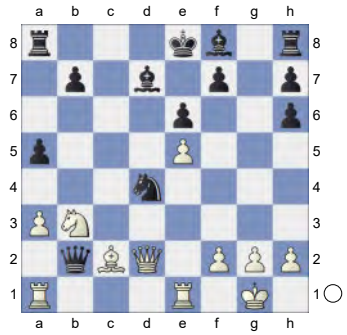
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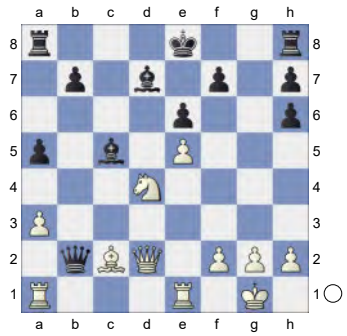
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.Bxh6 -0.60/21
[9.h3= 0.00/18 Be7 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8 20.g5 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7 24.Bxg6 Mercado Florez,D (2654)-Chaudagne,C (2672) 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0]
9...gxh6 -0.09/19
[9...Qxb2∓ -0.60/21 10.Nbd2 dxc3]
10.a3N -0.91/21
[10.Qe2= -0.09/19 keeps the balance.]
[10.Nbd2 Qxb2 11.Rb1 Qxc3 12.Rb3 Qa5 13.Rxb7 Rb8 14.Rxb8+ Nxb8 15.Nxd4 Bb4 16.Re2 Bc3 17.N2b3 Qb6 18.Nf3 Nc6 19.Qc1 d4 20.Qxh6 Nb4 21.Ng5 Nxd3 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Qf6+ Kg8 24.Qg5+ Kf7 Motylev,A (2597)-L'Ami,E (2645) Prague 2023 ½-½]
10...Qxb2∓



11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.Nb3 c2 -0.26/19
[12...Bxa3 13.Rb1 Qa2 14.Ra1=]
[12...a5∓ -0.73/18 Strongly threatening ...a4. 13.Re2 c2 14.Bxc2 a4]
13.Bxc2= a5 0.73/21
[13...Qc3∓ -0.38/19 stays ahead.]
14.Qd2!± And now Reb1 would win.
14...d4
[14...Bxa3 15.Reb1 Bb4 16.Rxb2±]
15.Nfxd4 Nxd4

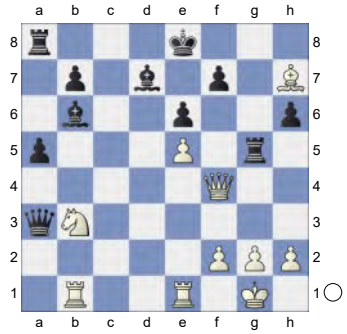


16.Nxd4 Bc5? 3.58/21
[16...Rc8± 0.80/20]

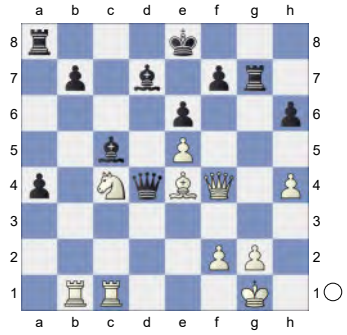


17.Nb3? -0.01/22
[White has to play 17.Nxe6!+- 3.58/21 Qb6 18.Ng7+ Kf8 19.Nh5 Bxf2+ 20.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 21.Kxf2]
17...Bb6 18.Rab1! Qxa3 19.Qf4 Rg8 1.12/21
[19...Rc8= 0.27/19 20.Be4 Bd8]
20.Bxh7 Rg5 1.53/22
[⌓20...Rg7 1.15/21]

(Diagram)

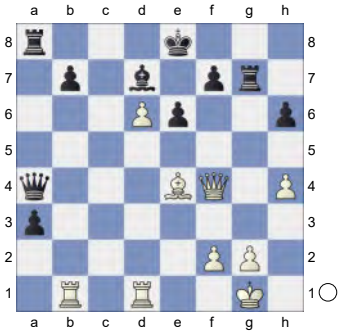


21.h4 White has strong compensation.
21...Rg7 22.Be4 a4? 3.32/20
[22...Rb8± 1.28/18 was called for.]
23.Nd2+- Qc5 24.Rec1 Qd4 25.Nc4 1.81/23
[⌓25.Rc4 3.58/23 Qxf2+ 26.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2]
25...Bc5

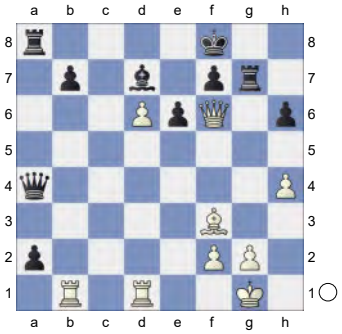


26.Nd6+ Bxd6 27.exd6 a3? 5.13/23
[27...f5± 0.71/23 is a better chance. 28.Qxh6 fxe4]
28.Rd1
[28.Rxb7 a2 29.Rxd7 *(29.Qxh6 Rg8-+)* 29...a1Q 30.Re7+ Kf8 31.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 32.Kh2 Rd1 33.Rxe6 Rg4 34.Qxg4 *(34.Qxh6+ Qg7=)* 34...fxe6=]
28...Qa4

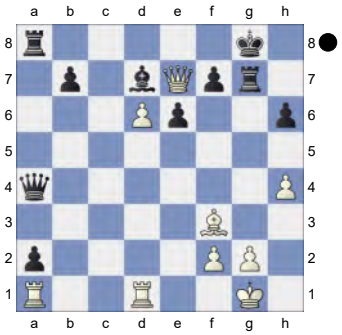
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29.Qf6! Kf8 30.Bf3 0.64/19
[White must play 30.Rd4+- 4.53/21 a2 31.Rxa4 axb1Q+ 32.Bxb1 Bxa4 33.Qe7+ Kg8 34.d7 Bxd7 35.Qxd7]
30...a2±

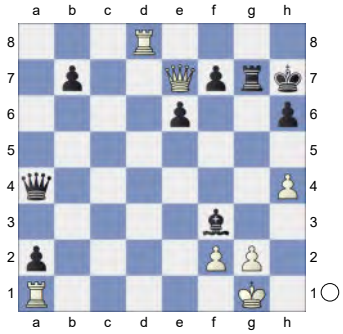


31.Qe7+ -0.64/5
[31.Ra1!± 0.80/21]
31...Kg8∓ 32.Ra1

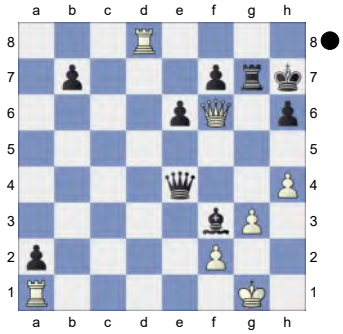


Bc6 -0.15/22
[Black should try 32...Qb3!∓ -0.91/20 Hoping for ...Qxf3. 33.Bd5 *(33.Kh2 f5)* 33...Qb5]
33.d7? -9.33/23 **Bxf3-+ 34.d8Q+ Rxd8 35.Rxd8+ Kh7**

(Diagram)



36.g3 Qe4 (-> ...Rxg3+!) **37.Qf6**

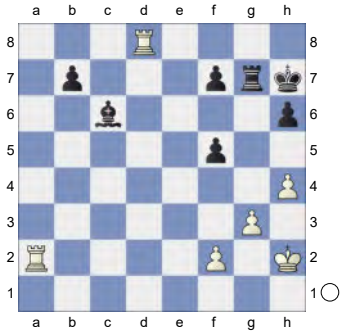


Qb1+? -2.12/21
[37...Rxg3+!! -#4/10 mates 38.Kh2



Rh3+!! 39.Kxh3 Qg4+ 40.Kh2 Qg2#]
38.Kh2 Qf5 1.39/21 The board is on fire.
[Black should play 38...Bd5-+ -2.40/22 ...b5 is the strong threat. 39.Rd7 b5 40.Rxf7 Qg6 41.Qxg6+ Kxg6]
39.Qxf5+± exf5 40.Rxa2 Endgame KRR-KRB **40...Bc6** 2.08/21
[40...f4± 1.45/23 keeps fighting. 41.gxf4 Bc6]

(Diagram)

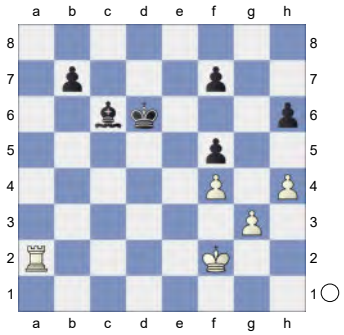


Inhibits Ra4. **41.Rd6** Threatens to win with Rf6. **41...Rg6** 2.13/25 Prevents Rf6.

[41...Rg8± 1.26/22 was worth a try. 42.Rf6 Kg7 43.Rxf5 Rd8]

42.Rxg6+- Kxg6 KR-KB **43.f4 Kf6 44.Kg1 Ke6 45.Kf2 Kd6?** 3.49/27

[45...Kf6 1.96/27 is a better defense. 46.h5 Bh1]



46.Rd2+ 1.83/24

[⌓46.Ra8 3.49/27]

46...Kc5? 3.76/25

[46...Bd5 1.83/24 47.Rc2 Bc6]

47.Rd7?? -18.86/21 **b5??** 3.78/28

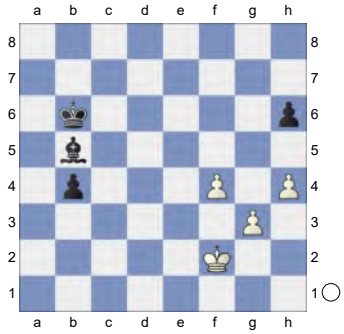
[47...Bxd7-+ -18.86/21 and all is fine. 48.g4 fxg4 49.Ke3 b5 50.f5 b4 51.h5 b3 52.Ke4 b2 53.Ke5 b1Q 54.Kf6 g3 55.Ke7 Qxf5 56.Kd8 g2 57.Kc7 Bc8 58.Kb8 Qd7 59.Ka8 Qb7#]

48.Rxf7 Kb6? 8.15/25

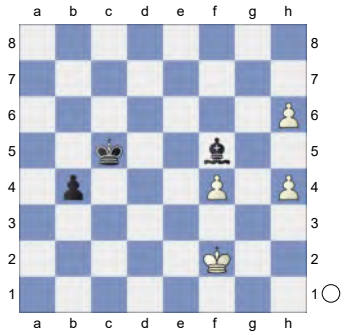
[48...Be4 3.65/23 49.Rc7+ Kb6]

49.Rxf5 b4 50.Rb5+?? -#19/24 Bxb5

(Diagram)



51.g4 Kc5 Black mates. **52.g5 Bd7 53.gxh6 Bf5**



What a bad dream for White.

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32 **C02**

□ **muisback** **2997**

■ **Vladimirovich9000** **2905**

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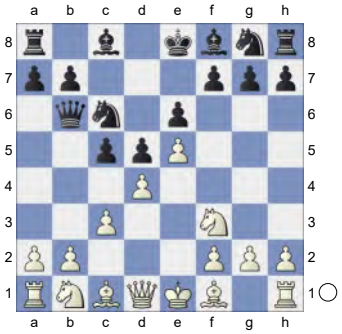
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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)

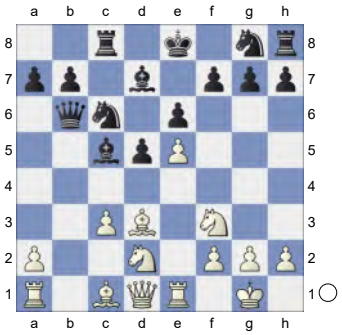


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5** 0.37/20

[10...Na5= 0.01/18]

[10...h6 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 Bb4 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Nd4 Bxd2 15.Nb5 Bxe1 16.Nxc7+ Rxc7 17.Qxe1 Nge7 18.Ba3 Be6 19.Bd6 Rd7 20.h3 0-0 21.f4 Re8 22.g4 d4 23.Qf2 Nc8 24.Bc5 Rd5 25.Rc1 1-0 (42) Naroditsky,D (2619)-Bukreev,S (2384) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (3)]

[10...Qc7 11.Nb3 Nge7 12.Qe2 a6 13.h4 Na7 14.Bd2 Bb5 15.a4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qc4 17.Qc2 Nf5 18.Rab1 Qxa4 19.Qd3 Nxh4 20.Nxh4 Qxh4 21.Nd4 Rc7 22.Re3 Bc5 23.Rbe1 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Nb5 25.Rg3 0-1 (31) Mora Velasco,A (1884)-Zschiedrich,H (2067) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4)]



11.Rb1± White has compensation.

11...Qc7

[Reject 11...Bxf2+?! 12.Kf1 Qc5 13.Rb5 Qxc3 14.Rb3+- *(14.Kxf2? Qxd3 15.Rxb7 Nge7∓; 14.Nb1 Bxe1 15.Nxc3 Bxc3±)*]

12.Nb3 Be7 13.h4N

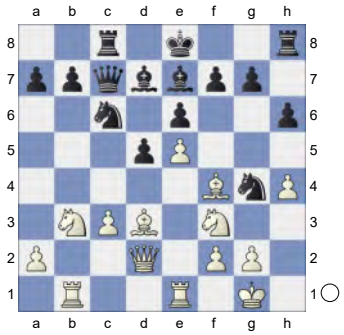
[13.Bf4 h6 14.Qd2 Ba3 15.Red1 Nge7 16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 a6 18.Rb3 Bc5 19.Rdb1 b5 20.a4 bxa4 21.Rb7 Qa5 22.Qb2 a3 23.Qa1 a2 24.R1b3 Nc6 25.Nxc6 Bxc6 26.Rb8 0-0 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 0-1 (30) Bednar,M (1798)-Matras,O (2184) Ricany op 20th 2022 (1)]

13...Nh6 14.Bf4 Ng4 15.Qd2 -0.17/20

[15.Nbd4± 0.34/20]

15...h6 0.22/21

[⌓15...h5 -0.17/20]

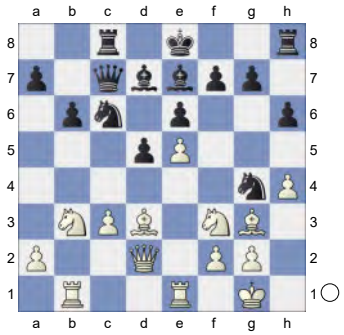


16.Bg3 -0.34/21

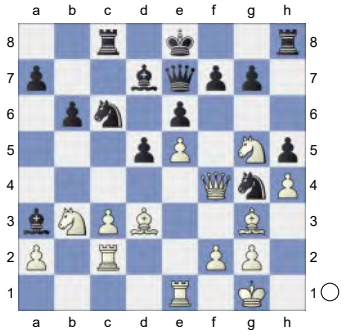
[16.h5= 0.22/21]

16...b6 0.85/21

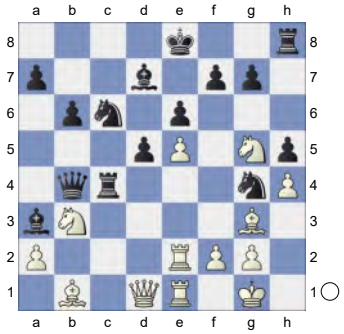
[16...h5∓ -0.34/21 keeps the upper hand.]



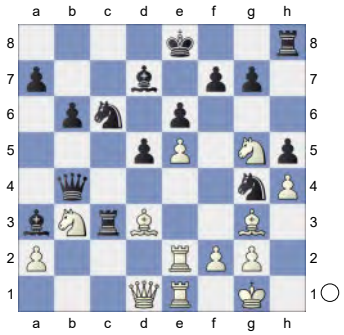
17.Rbc1 -0.01/20
[White should play 17.h5!± 0.85/21]
17...Ba3= 18.Rc2 Qd8 19.Qf4 h5 20.Ng5 Qe7



21.Rce2 Qf8 0.29/17
[21...0-0∓ -0.31/19]
22.c4? -1.86/19 Now White is beyond hope.
[22.Qf3= 0.29/17 and White is okay.]
22...Nb4-+ 23.Bb1 Rxc4
[Don't do 23...dxc4 24.Nd2 Nd3 25.Bxd3 cxd3 26.Re4∓]
24.Qd2 Nc6 Wards off Nb3-d4 **25.Qd1 Qb4**

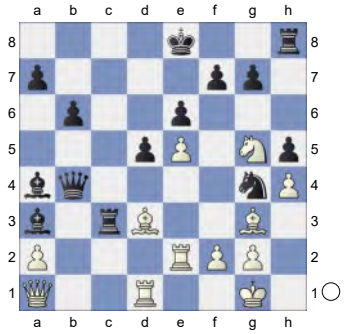


26.Bd3 Rc3

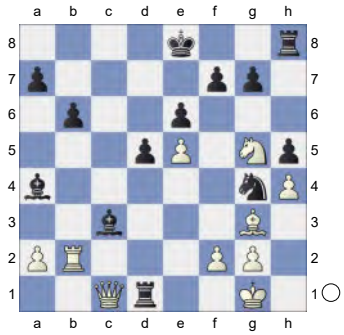


White must now prevent ...a7-a5.

27.Qb1 -3.20/20
[⌓27.f3 -1.70/18 Nh6 28.Bf2]
27...Nd4 28.Nxd4 Qxd4 29.Rd1 Qb4 30.Qa1 -5.18/20
[⌓30.Bg6 -3.27/18 Nh6 *(30...fxg6? 31.Qxg6+ Kd8 32.Nxe6+ Kc8 33.Nf4-+)* 31.Bxh5
Remove Defender]
30...Ba4



Black is clearly winning. **31.Rb1 Rxd3 32.Rxb4 Bxb4 33.Rb2 Bc3 34.Qc1 Rd1+**

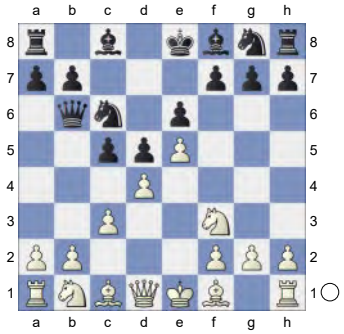


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0-1

33 **C02**
□ **Hopeless_master** **2579**
■ **Podrebo** **2715**
Blitz 12.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Nh6 0.44/19

[6...cxd4= 0.01/20 7.cxd4 Bd7]

[6...Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Nb3 Nc6 12.Qg3 g6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 b6 15.Rac1 Qb7 16.Qf2 h5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nxa5 bxa5 19.Qd2 Be7 20.Qxa5 Bd8 21.Qd2 Kulich,F (2028)-Kedrzynski,A (1462) Jaen Liptovsky 2023 1-0 (59)]

7.0-0± Nf5N

[7...cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Ne2 h6 12.Qa4 Be7 13.a3 0-0 14.b4 Rfc8 15.Bd2 a6 16.Rfc1 g5 17.Qb3 Na5 18.Qd3 Nc4 19.Ne1 f4 20.g3 fxg3 21.hxg3 Bg4 22.Nc3 Sojka (2325)-Norrelykke,S (2508) Luzern 2000 MBM Tarrasch [Machulsky,A] 0-1 (35) Qe6 23.Be3 b5 24.Qf1 Ra7 25.Qg2 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Rac7 27.Na2 Bf5 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Rc1 Rxc1 30.Nxc1 Be4 31.Qd2 Qh3 32.Qh2 Qc8 33.Qd2 h5 34.Ncd3 Qg4 35.Qf2 h4 0-1 (35) Schenk,A (2325)-Moskalenko,V (2508) Mallorca 2000 CBM 140 [Moskalenko,Viktor]]

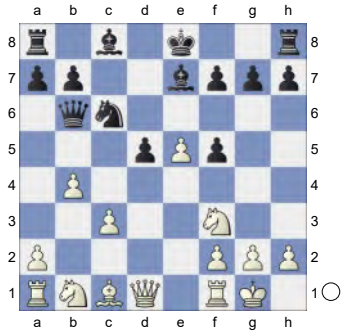
[7...f6 8.exf6 gxf6 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Na3 Nf7 12.b4 e5 13.Bc5 Qd8 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.b5 Ne7 16.Be2 b6 17.Qa4 Be6 18.Rfd1 Rg8 19.Bf1 Rg4 20.Qc2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Qd6 22.Nc4 Woelfert,J (1571)-Oppermann,P (1789) Berlin 2014 EXT 2018 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (37)]

8.dxc5 Bxc5 White is slightly better.

9.b4 Be7 10.Bxf5 0.29/20

[10.a4± 0.60/16 feels stronger.]

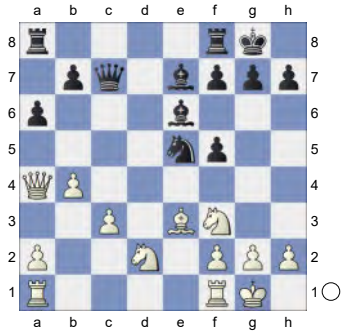
10...exf5=



11.Be3 Qc7 12.Qxd5 Be6 13.Qb5 a6 14.Qa4 -0.43/19

[14.Qb6= 0.09/17 Bd8 15.Qxc7 Bxc7 16.Bd4]

14...0-0∓ 15.Nbd2 Nxe5



16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Bd4 Qf4 18.Nf3 Bd5 19.Ne5 Threatens to win with Qd7.

19...Bd6 A strong pair of Bishops.

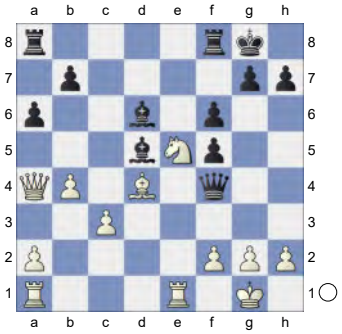
20.Rfe1 -1.18/19

[20.Rae1∓ -0.63/18]

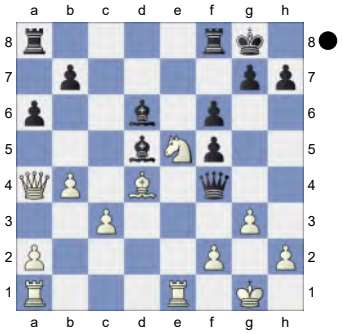
20...f6→ -0.56/21

[20...Rfe8∓ -1.18/19 21.g3 Qh6]

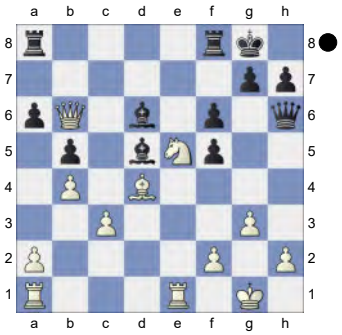
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Black is up to no good. **21.g3** -0.98/21

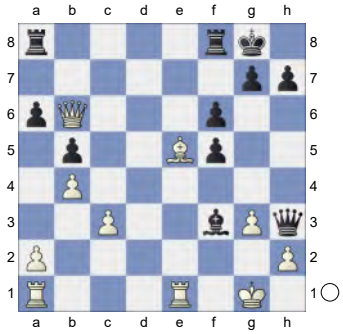


Qh6!∓ 22.Qa5? -4.15/20 **b5-+ 23.Qb6?** -6.08/20
[23.c4 -3.77/19 fxe5 24.cxd5 exd4 25.Qb6 Bxb4 26.Qxh6 gxh6 27.Re6]

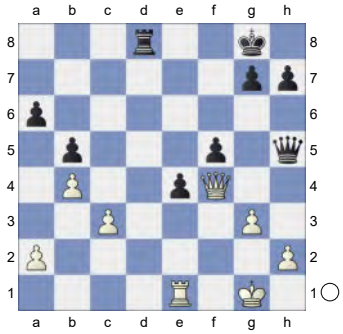


23...Qh3! 24.f3 Bxe5 25.Bxe5 Bxf3? -2.02/21
[25...fxe5 -5.27/20 26.Qf2 Rae8]

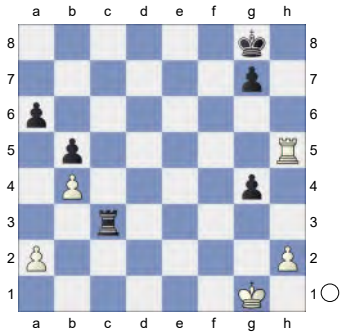
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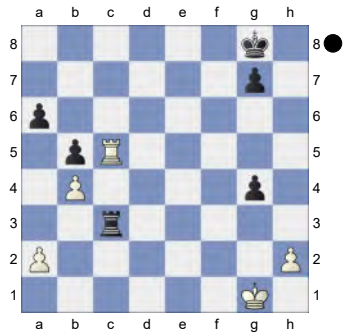
26.Qf2 fxe5 27.Qxf3 e4 28.Qf4 Rad8 29.Rad1 Qh5 -1.20/20
[Better is 29...h5-+ -1.79/20 30.Rf1 Rxd1 31.Rxd1 h4 32.Qxh4 Qxh4 33.gxh4 Kf7]
30.Rxd8∓ Rxd8



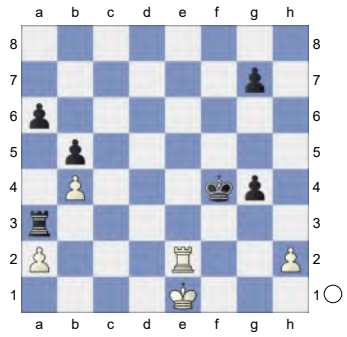
31.g4 -2.32/20
[31.c4∓ -1.15/20]
31...Qxg4+ 32.Qxg4 fxg4 33.Rxe4-+ Endgame KR-KR **33...h5 34.Re5 Rd3** -0.93/22
[⌓34...Rd1+ -1.29/22 35.Kf2 Rd2+ 36.Kg1 g6]
35.Rxh5 Rxc3



36.Rc5? -7.31/25
[36.a4∓ -0.57/22]

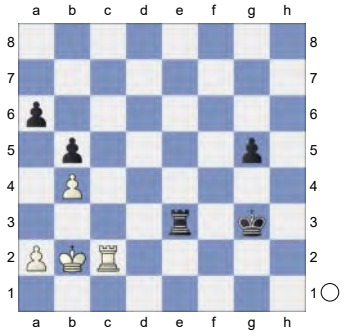


36...Ra3? -1.59/26
[36...Rxc5!-+ -7.31/25 37.bxc5 Kf7]
37.Rc2 -2.13/25
[37.Rg5∓ -1.59/26 was worth a try.]
37...Kf7 38.Re2 -2.26/25
[⌓38.Rg2 -1.74/24]
38...Kf6 39.Kf2 Kf5 40.Ke1 Kf4

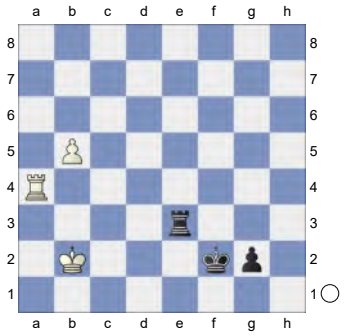


And now ...Re3 would win. **41.Kd2** -13.82/24 Inhibits Re3.
[41.Kf1 -2.51/22]
41...g5? -3.59/25
[41...Rxa2+ -13.82/24 42.Ke1 Rxe2+ 43.Kxe2 g3 44.hxg3+ Kxg3]
42.Kc1? -7.82/28
[42.Rf2+ -3.59/25 Ke4 43.Ke1]
42...Kf3 43.Rc2 g3 44.hxg3 Kxg3 45.Kb2 Re3

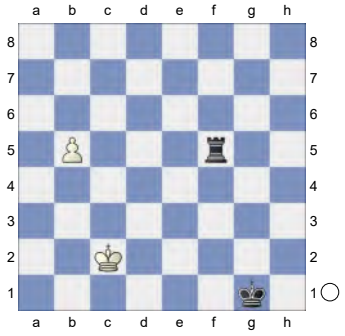
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46.Rc6 g4 47.Rxa6 Kf2 48.a4 bxa4 49.Rxa4 g3 (-> ...g2) **50.b5 g2**



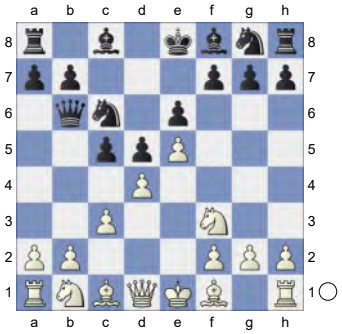
51.Rf4+ Rf3 52.Rg4 g1Q -5.77/25
[⌓52...Rg3 -#14/18 53.Rxg3 Kxg3 54.b6 g1Q 55.b7 Qg2+ 56.Kb3 Qxb7+ 57.Kc4 Qc6+ 58.Kd4 Kf4 59.Kd3 Qc5 60.Kd2 Qc4 61.Ke1 Ke3 62.Kd1 Qc6 63.Ke1 Qh1#]
53.Rxg1 Kxg1 54.Kc2 Rf5



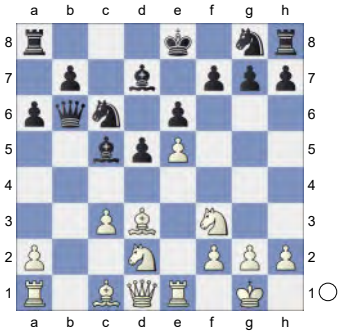
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34 **C02**
□ **legitimatez** **2586**
■ **Caminero85** **2732**
Blitz 03.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

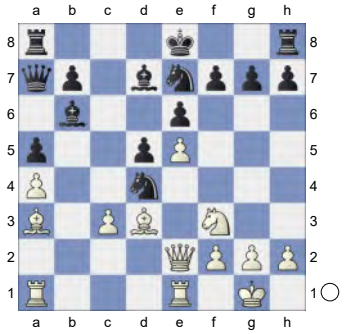
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 a6
[8...Nge7 9.h4 Rc8 10.a3 a6 11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Be3 Qd8 14.axb4 Rxc3 15.Bc5 Nc6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qd2 Rb3 18.b5 axb5 19.Qc2 Rb4 20.Qc5+ Qe7 21.Ra8+ Be8 22.Qb6 g6 23.h5 Osmak,I (2449)-Bon,M (2392) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (34)]
9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5**

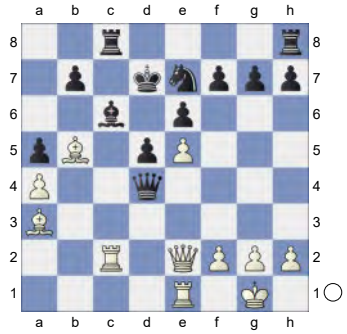


11.Qe2N
[11.Re2 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bc6 15.Ra2 Rc8 16.Qe2 Nh6 17.h3 Nf5 18.Bf4 0-0 19.Bh2 Qd7 20.Rd2 Qe7 21.Bf4 h6 22.g4 Nh4 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Ng6 25.Bg3 Qb4 Worch,S (1870)-Shepard,R (2045) Moscow 2023 Inf55 [John Watson] 0-1 (34) 26.Qe3 Bb5 27.Bxb5 axb5 28.Rd3 Rc2 29.f4 Ne7 30.Bh4 Rfc8 31.f5 exf5 32.e6 f6 33.Bxf6 gxf6 34.Qxh6 Qd6 0-1 (34) Ploder,U (1870)-Rosenberger,F (2045) Bad Homburg 2023]
11...Qa7 12.Nb3 White has compensation. **12...Bb6 13.a4 a5** 0.58/21
[13...Nge7= 0.23/17]
14.Ba3 Nge7 15.Nbd4 Nxd4

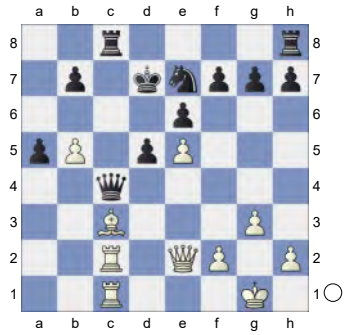


16.Nxd4 -0.04/19
[16.cxd4± 0.37/20 Bxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxd4 18.Bb5]
16...Bxd4 0.48/22
[Black should try 16...Bc5!= -0.04/19]
17.cxd4± Qxd4 18.Bb5 Strongly threatening Bxd7+. This bishop pair is nice. **18...Bc6 19.Rac1** 0.01/21
[19.Rab1!± 0.72/19]
19...Rc8 1.29/20
[19...Qb6= 0.01/21]
20.Rc2? -0.36/19
[20.Bc5± 1.29/20 Qe4 21.Qb2]
20...Kd7 0.53/17
[Black should play 20...Rc7!∓ -0.36/19]

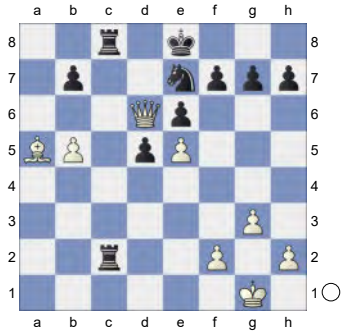
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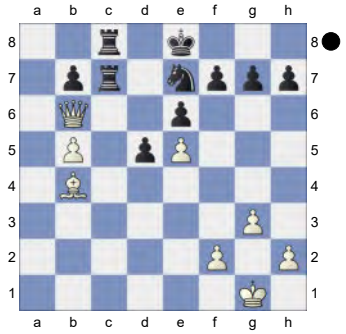
21.Rec1 -0.17/18
[21.Bc5!± 0.53/17 Qe4 22.Qd2 Qxc2 23.Bxc6+ *(23.Qxc2 Bxb5 24.Rc1 Ba6±)* 23...Rxc6 24.Qxc2]
21...Ng6= 22.Bb2? -1.88/20
[22.Bd6∓ -0.31/19]
22...Qb4-+ ...Nf4 is the strong threat.
23.g3 Bxb5 24.axb5 Ne7 Threatens to win with ...Rxc2. **25.Bc3 Qc4** -0.34/19
[25...Qe4-+ -1.77/20 26.Qxe4 dxe4 27.Bxa5 Rxc2 28.Rxc2 Nd5]



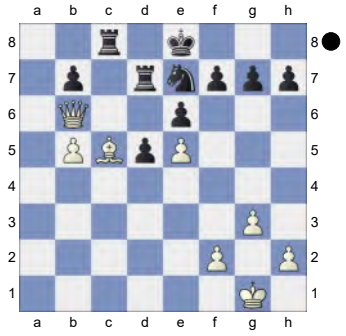
26.Qf3 -1.57/20
[26.Qe3!∓ -0.34/19]
26...Rhf8? -0.01/20
[Not 26...Qxb5 27.Rb2 Qc6 28.Bd2 Qxc1+ 29.Bxc1 Rxc1+ 30.Kg2=]
[Better is 26...Qa4∓ -1.57/20 And now ...Rc4 would win. 27.Qxf7 g6]
27.Bxa5= Qxc2 Chess con chili.
28.Rxc2 Rxc2 29.Qa3 0.01/25
[29.Qe3!± 0.73/22]
29...Rfc8 30.Qd6+ -1.20/5
[30.Bb6= -0.01/21 keeps the balance.]
30...Ke8∓



31.Bb4 R2c7 Black is clearly better.
32.Qb6

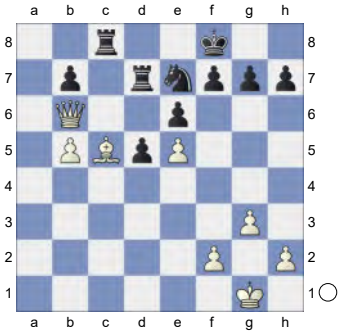


Rd7! 33.Bc5 -2.17/21
[33.Bd6∓ -1.58/21 was called for.]



33...Kf8 -1.13/22
[33...d4!-+ -2.17/21 34.Bd6 Nf5]

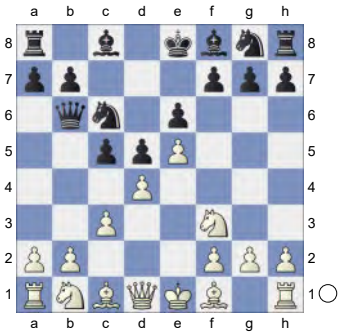
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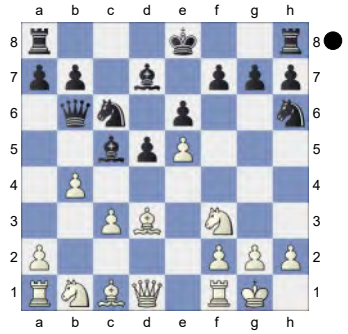
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35 **C02**
□ **gunnermuri11** **2632**
■ **Donegerous** **2603**
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[Kitty Kat]

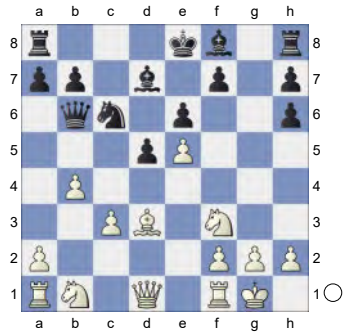
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
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6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Nh6N 0.87/19
[8...a5± 0.38/16 is superior. 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Nb3 Ba7 11.Re1 Nge7 12.Nbd4 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qb6 15.Qg4 Qb4 16.Re3 g6 17.a3 Qb6 18.Qh5 gxh5 0-1 (18) Baerner,H (1884)-Osman,G (1776) IECG email 2006 CYB 12 [John Watson]]
[8...f6 9.b4 Be7 10.Bf4 fxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nf6 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Nf3 Bd6 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Bd4 Qc7 17.Ne5 Be8 18.Rae1 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qc6 20.Bd4 Bd7 21.Qc2 Rf7 22.Re3 b6 23.Rg3 03 3...b6/e6-N,N [Sipke Ernst] (39) Kh8 24.Bxh7 e5 25.Bg6 Re7 26.Re1 Qd6 27.Be3 d4 28.Bg5 Rxc3 29.Rxc3 dxc3 30.Qxc3 Kg8 31.a3 Kf8 32.Bh4 Be8 33.Bf5 Qd4 34.Qxd4 exd4 35.Rxe7 Kxe7 36.Bd3 Kd6 37.Bxf6 gxf6 38.Kf1 Pawn Chains-Nimzowitsch,A (39)]
[8...Qc7 9.Re1 0-0-0 10.b4 Bf8 11.a4 Nh6 12.Na3 Kb8 13.Nb5 Qc8 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Qb3 Ka8 16.a5 Qb8 17.Nbd4 f6 18.exf6 Nf7 19.Bh4 g6 20.a6 b6 21.Nxc6 Bxc6 22.b5 Bd7 23.c4 Privara,I (2110)-Olvecky,J (1833) Bratislava 2023 1-0 (36)]
9.b4±

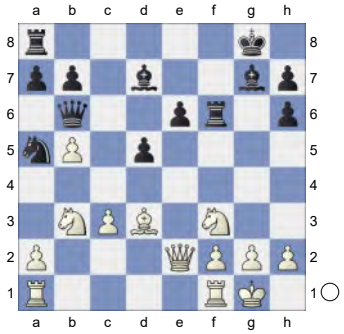


Black must now prevent Bxh6. **9...Bf8 10.Bxh6 gxh6**

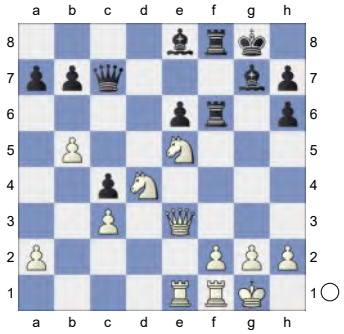


White is slightly better. **11.Qe2 Bg7**

12.Nbd2 0-0 13.Nb3 f6 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.b5 Na5 1.06/20
[15...Ne7± 0.55/18]

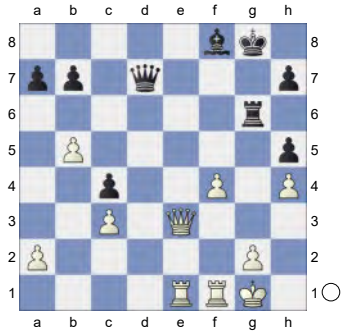


16.Nbd4 Raf8 17.Ne5 Pair of Knights! **17...Be8 18.Qe3↑** Black is under strong pressure. **18...Qc7** 1.90/20
[18...Nc4± 1.32/18 19.Nxc4 *(19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.a4 Qc5±)* 19...dxc4 20.Bxc4 Bf7]
19.Rae1 Nc4 2.55/20
[⌓19...h5 1.75/19 20.g3 Nc4 21.Bxc4 *(21.Nxc4 dxc4 22.Bc2 Bf7±)* 21...dxc4]
20.Bxc4+-
[Weaker is 20.Nxc4 dxc4 21.Bc2 *(21.Nxe6 Rxe6 22.Qxe6+ Bf7=)* 21...Bf7±]
20...dxc4

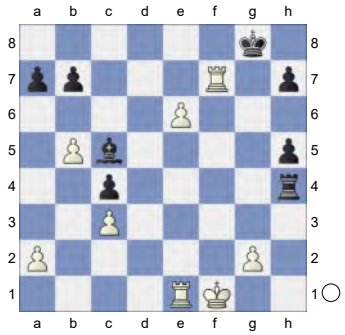


21.f4 1.07/18
[21.Ng4!+- 2.65/20 Bd7 22.Nxf6+ Rxf6 23.f4]
21...h5 22.h4 &Bianco is much more active. **22...Bg6?** 3.49/20
[22...Kh8± 1.25/18 was necessary.]

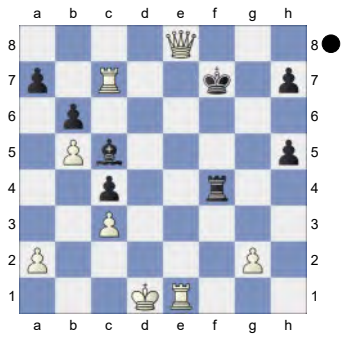
23.Nxg6 Rxg6 24.Nxe6 Qd7 25.Nxf8 Bxf8



26.f5 Rg4 27.Qe6+ Qxe6 28.fxe6? 1.07/21 Endgame KRR-KRB
[28.Rxe6+- 4.72/23 and White stays clearly on top. Rxh4 29.g3]
28...Be7? 7.95/23
[28...Bc5+± 1.07/21 29.Kh2 Bd6+ 30.g3 Bxg3+ 31.Kh3 Bxe1 32.Rxe1 Kf8]
29.Rf7 Bc5+ 30.Kf1 Rxh4



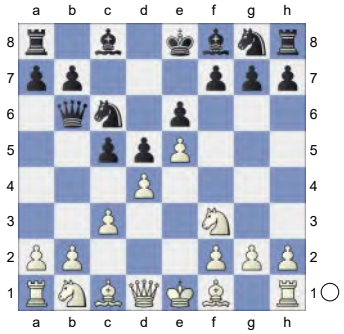
31.Rc7 7.58/24
[⌓31.Re5 16.07/22 Be7 32.Rxe7 Rf4+ 33.Kg1]
31...Rf4+ 32.Ke2 b6 33.Kd1 Kf8 34.e7+ Kf7 35.e8Q+



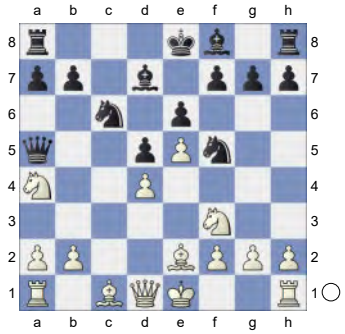
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36 **C02**
□ **dmitrij_IM** **2947**
■ **Rakhmanov,Aleksandr** **2859**
Blitz 31.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

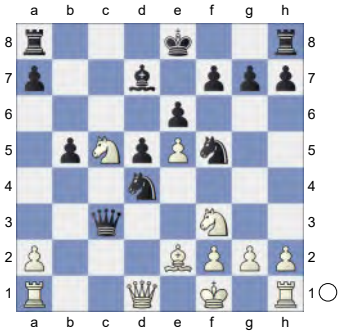


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7 9.Nc3
[9.Na3 Nf5 10.Nc2 Be7 11.0-0 h5 12.a3 a5 13.Rb1 Rc8 14.Be3 h4 15.g3 hxg3 16.hxg3 a4 17.Kg2 Na5 18.g4 Nxe3+ 19.Nxe3 Nb3 20.Qd3 Bc6 21.Rh1 Kd7 22.Nf5 exf5 23.Qxf5+ Kc7 0-1 (33) Onslow,A (2171)-Belov,A (2421) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (1)]
9...Nf5 10.Na4
[10.Be3 Be7 11.a3 Na5 12.b4 Nc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Qe2 Rc8 15.d5 Nxe3 16.fxe3 exd5 17.Nxd5 Qe6 18.Rd1 0-0 19.0-0 Bc6 20.e4 Bd8 21.Kh1 b5 22.Nf4 Qg4 23.Nd5 Re8 24.Qe1 Bc7 ½-½ (46) Skuhala,B (2135)-Zlindra,A (1904) Nova Gorica op 29th 2025 (5)]
10...Qa5+

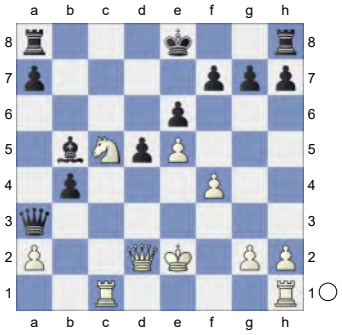


11.Bd2N -1.24/19
[11.Nc3!= 0.00/26 was the only way to keep the balance. Bb4 12.Qd3 Qb6 13.a3 Be7 14.Be3 Qxb2 15.0-0 Qb6 16.Rfb1 Qc7 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.g4 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 0-0 20.Bd3 f6 21.exf6 Bxf6 22.Kh1 Na5 23.g5 Be7 24.Nc3 Rc8 25.Ne2 Nc4 26.Bxc4 1-0 (44) Osiecki,S (2055)-Clawitter,C (2050) Titled Tuesday intern op 18th Apr Early blitz 2023 (7) Rxc4 27.Ne5 Rc7 28.h4 Bd6 29.Nxd7 Qxd7 30.f4 Qf7 31.Rf1 Re7 32.a4 Qh5 33.Qf2 e5 34.dxe5 Bxe5 35.Rad1 d4 36.Nxd4 Bxd4 37.Rxd4 Re2 38.Qg3 Rc8 39.Qb3+ Kh8 40.Qg3 h6 41.g6 1-0 (44) Noetzel,T (2055)-Pavlovic,B (2050) 83/160 Leon 2001 (7)]
11...Bb4∓ ...Bb4xd2+ would now be deadly. Black is more active. **12.Bc3** -1.53/23
[⌓12.Nc3 -1.17/22]
12...b5 -0.97/19
[⌓12...Bxc3+ -1.53/23 13.Nxc3 Qb6]
13.Nc5? -2.81/21
[13.a3∓ -0.97/19 Bxc3+ 14.Nxc3]
13...Bxc3+-+ 14.bxc3 Qxc3+ 15.Kf1 Ncxd4

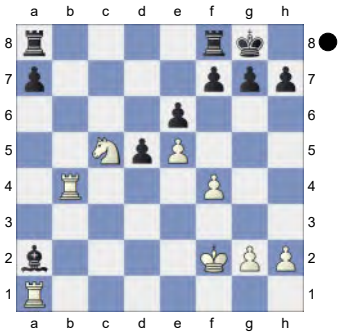
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16.Rc1 Qa3 ...Ra8-c8! is the strong threat. **17.Nxd4 Nxd4**
[17...Qxa2? loses. 18.Nxf5 *(18.Nxb5 Bxb5 19.Bxb5+ Ke7+-)* 18...exf5 19.Nxd7+-]
18.Qd2 b4 Prevents Rc1-c3. **19.f4** -3.73/19
[⌓19.Bh5 -2.50/20]
19...Nxe2 20.Kxe2 Bb5+

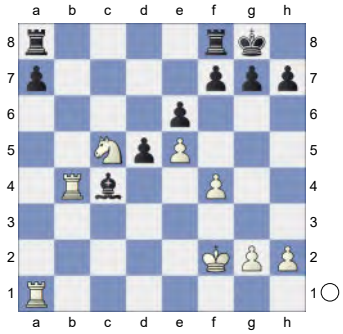


21.Kf2 0-0 22.Rb1 -3.77/20
[⌓22.Nb7 -2.58/18]
22...Bc4 23.Qxb4 Qxb4 24.Rxb4 Bxa2 25.Ra1

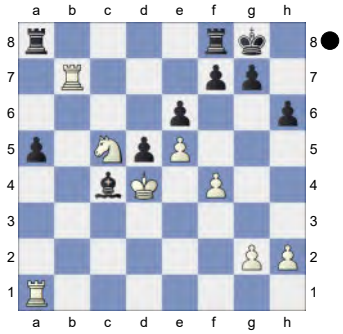


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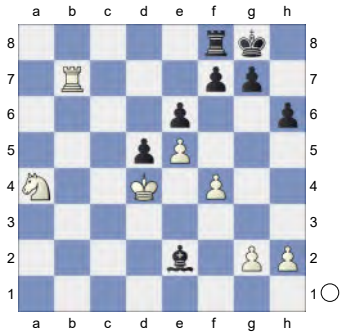
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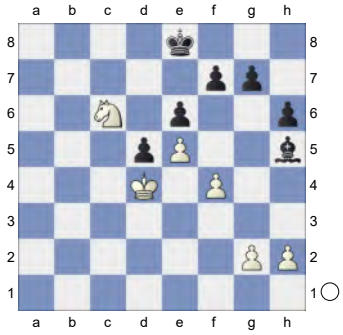
26.Rb7 a5 27.Ke3 h6 28.Kd4



a4 -0.50/19 **29.Rxa4∓ Rxa4 30.Nxa4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **30...Be2**

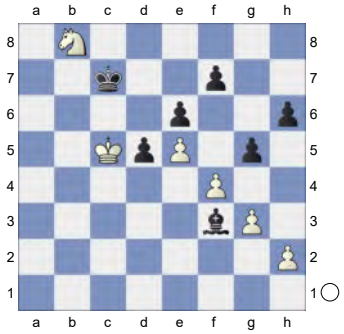


31.Nc5 Bh5 32.Nd7 Ra8 33.Rb8+ Rxb8 34.Nxb8= KB-KN **34...Kf8 35.Nc6 Ke8**

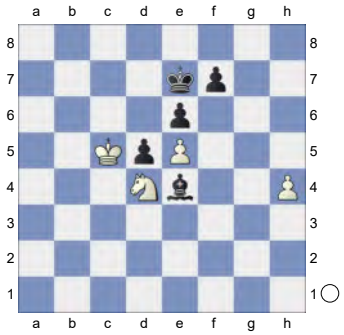


36.Kc5 Kd7 37.Nd4 Bd1 38.g3 g5

39.Nc6 Bf3 40.Nb8+ Kc7



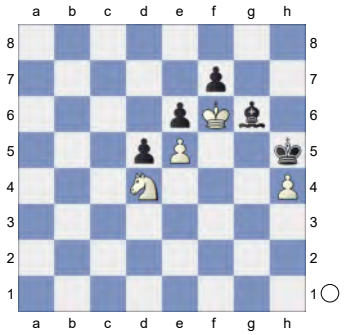
41.Nc6 Be4 42.Nd4 Kd7 43.fxg5 hxg5 44.h4 gxh4 45.gxh4 Ke7



46.Nc6+ Kf8 47.Kd6 Kg7 48.Ke7 Bg6 49.Nd4 Kh6 White must now prevent ... Kh6-h5. **50.Kf6?** -9.26/37

[50.Ne2= -0.03/32]

50...Kh5-+

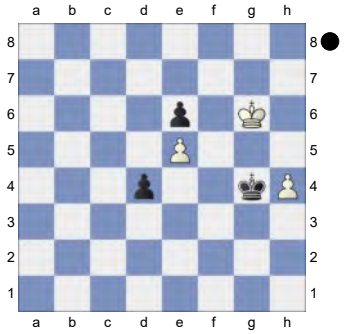


51.Nf3 Kg4 52.Ng5 d4 53.Nxe6 fxe6

[And not 53...Kxh4 54.Nxd4 Kg4 55.Ke7=]

54.Kxg6

(Diagram)



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37 **C02**

□ **RebeccaHarris** **2925**

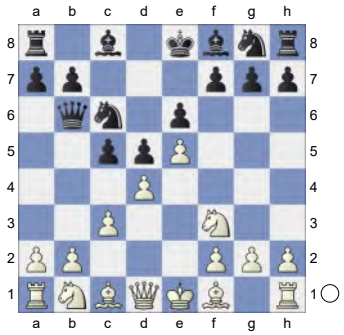
■ **Anya6** **2779**

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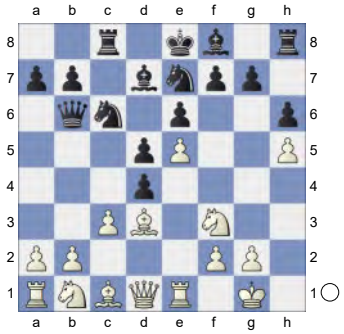
C02: French: Advance Variation

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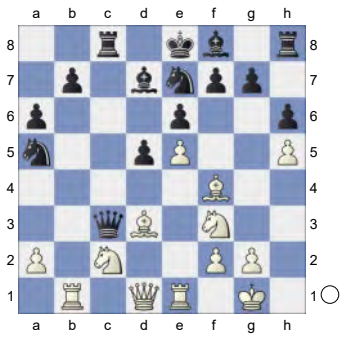


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5 Rc8**

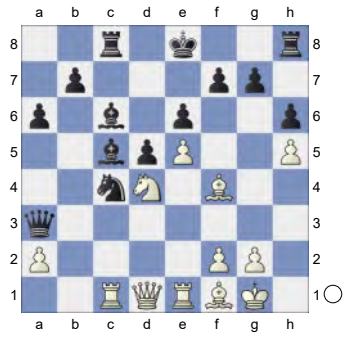
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11.Na3 dxc3
[11...Nf5 12.g4 Nfe7 13.Nb5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxb5 15.Qf3 f6 16.Bg6+ Nxg6 17.Nxg6 Rg8 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qxf6 Bd7 20.Re5 dxc3 21.Rae1 c2 22.Nxf8 Rxf8 23.Rxe6+ Qxe6 24.Rxe6+ Bxe6 25.Qxe6+ Kd8 26.Qd6+ ½-½ (27) Richter,S (2323)-Celerier,E (2321) (Game 34) Gibraltar 2007 (6)]
12.bxc3 a6 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Bf4N -0.52/20
[14.c4= 0.00/19 dxc4 *(14...Na5 15.Be3 Nxc4 16.Nxc4 dxc4 17.Bb6 Qb8 18.Be4 Bc6 19.Nd4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Nc6 21.Qg4 Nxe5 22.Qg3 Nc6 23.Rxe6+* VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A *)* 15.Nxc4 Nd5 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Rxb7 0-0 19.Bb1 Rfd8 20.Qd3 f5 21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qe2 Bc8 23.Rb2 VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10. h5 Rc8: A]
14...Na5!∓ 15.Nc2 Qxc3

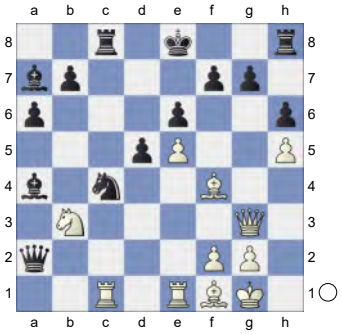


16.Ncd4 Nec6 17.Nxc6 -1.11/21
[17.Ne2!∓ -0.70/20 Qa3 18.Bc1]
17...Bxc6 18.Bf1 Nc4 And now ...Bf8-c5 would win. **19.Rc1** -1.62/23
[19.Nd4∓ -0.80/18 was called for.]
19...Qa3 -0.79/20
[19...Qb2-+ -1.62/23 has better winning chances. aiming for ...Bf8-c5. 20.Bxc4 dxc4 21.Rxc4 Be7 *(21...Qxa2? 22.Qc1-+)*]
20.Nd4∓ Bc5 -0.52/22
[20...Qxa2?! 21.Nxc6 bxc6 *(21...Rxc6 22.Ra1±)* 22.Qg4=]
[Black should try 20...Bd7∓ -0.93/18 21.Rb1 b5 *(21...Qxa2 22.Ra1∓)*]

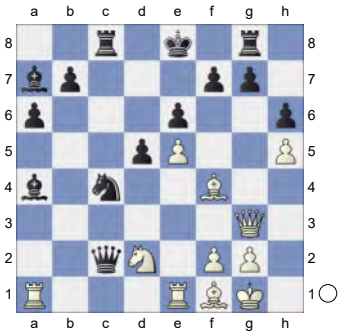


21.Nb3 -1.66/19
[21.Nxc6∓ -0.52/22 Rxc6 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.Qg4]
21...Ba7 -1.23/19
[21...Bb4-+ -1.66/19 22.Qg4 Bxe1 *(22...Qxa2? 23.Qxg7 Rf8 24.Nd4±)* 23.Qxg7 Qf8 24.Qxf8+ Kxf8 25.Rxe1 Ba4]
22.Qg4 -2.02/16
[22.Bxc4∓ -1.23/19 dxc4 23.Rxc4]
22...Qxa2-+ 23.Qg3 Ba4?? 2.36/21
[23...Bxf2+!-+ -2.52/19 and life is good for Black. 24.Qxf2 Qxb3 25.Bxc4 dxc4]

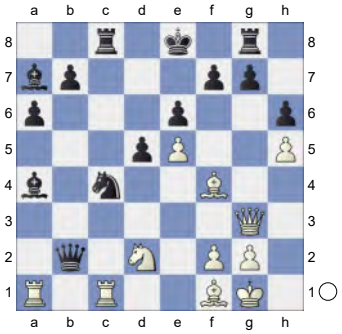
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24.Nd2!+- Pin **24...Rg8**
[24...b5 25.Re2]
25.Ra1 Qc2

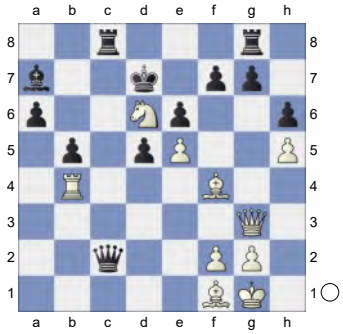


26.Rec1 Skewer, Deflection **26...Qb2**

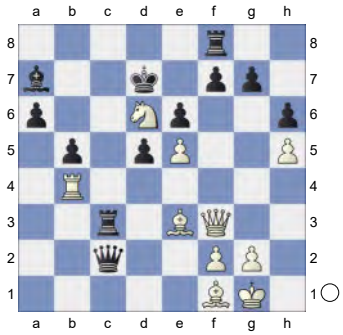


27.Rxa4 2.43/18 **Qxc1 28.Nxc4** Discovered Attack **28...Qc2 29.Nd6+ Kd7 30.Rb4** 0.93/20
[30.Nxc8+- 2.57/19 and White stays clearly on top. Rxc8 31.Ra3]
30...b5? 2.59/20
[30...Rc7± 0.93/20]

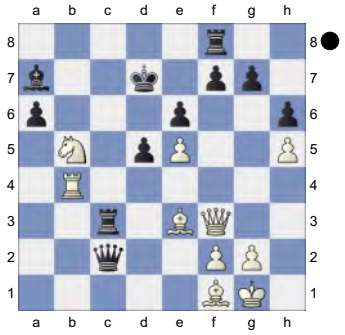
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31.Qf3? -0.25/21
[31.Nxf7? Bc5 32.Rb3 Rgf8-+ *(32...Bxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 34.Kxf2∓)*]
[White should play 31.Nxc8+- 2.59/20 Rxc8 32.Be3 *(32.Qxg7? Qxf2+ 33.Kh2 Qh4#)* 32...Bxe3 33.fxe3 *(33.Qxe3 Qc3±)*]
31...Rc3= 32.Be3 Chess con chili.
32...Rf8 0.67/18
[32...f5= -0.18/22 33.Nxf5 Rf8 Pin]

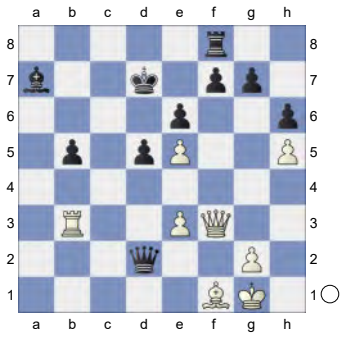


33.Nxb5? -1.78/21

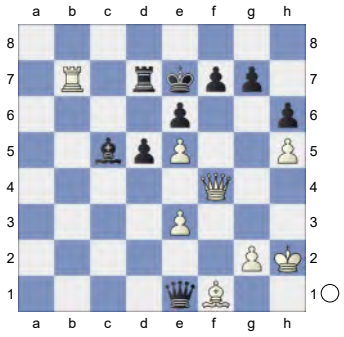


White is much more active. **33...Rxe3!-+**
34.fxe3 Qd2? 0.00/25
[34...axb5-+ -1.80/27 35.Rxb5 Kc6]

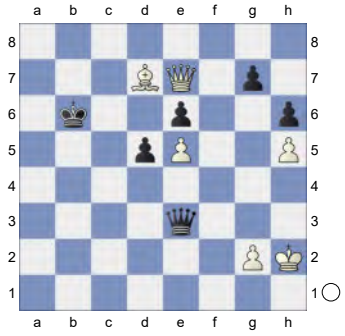
35.Rb3 -1.58/15
[35.Rd4= 0.00/25 Bxd4 36.Nxd4]
35...axb5∓



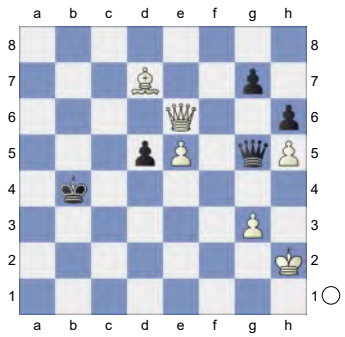
36.Bxb5+ Ke7 Strongly threatening ... Rf8-b8. **37.Kh2** -2.45/21
[37.Bf1∓ -1.33/22 keeps fighting. Rb8 38.Rxb8 Bxb8 39.Qf2 Qxf2+ 40.Kxf2]
37...Bc5? 0.09/24
[37...Bb8-+ -2.45/21 38.Qf4 f6 39.Qb4+ Qxb4 40.Rxb4 Bxe5+ 41.Kg1 Ra8]
38.Qf4 Qe1 Wards off Qf4-h4+
[38...Qd1 looks sharper. 39.Qh4+ f6 40.Ba4 Qa1]
39.Bf1 Rb3-b7+ would kill now. **39...Rd8**
40.Rb7+ Rd7



41.Rxd7+ Kxd7 42.Qxf7+= Endgame. KQB-KQB **42...Be7?** 13.29/27
[42...Kd8= 0.00/20 43.Qg8+ Kc7 44.Qf7+ *(44.Qxg7+ Kb6=)* 44...Kb8 45.Qg8+ Ka7 46.Qf7+ *(46.Qxg7+ Kb8=)* 46...Kb8]
43.Bb5++- D e f l e c t i o n **43...Kc7**
44.Qxe7+ Kb6 45.Bd7 White threatens Qe7-d6+ and mate. **45...Qxe3**

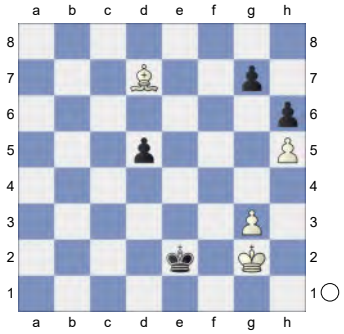


46.Qd6+
[Not 46.Bxe6 Qxe5+ 47.Kh3 Qxh5+ 48.Qh4 *(48.Kg3 Qe5+ 49.Kh3 h5+-)* 48...Qe5+-]
46...Ka5 47.Qxe6 Qf4+ 48.Kh3 Qe3+
49.g3 Threatens to win with Qe6-c6!
49...Qg5 50.Kh2? 1.95/18
[50.Qxd5+ 12.28/18 Kb4 51.Qd4+ Kb3 52.Bg4]
50...Kb4? 12.81/16
[50...Qxh5+ 1.95/18 51.Qh3 Qe2+ *(51...Qxh3+? 52.Bxh3 h5 53.e6+-)* 52.Qg2 Qh5+ 53.Bh3 Qxe5]

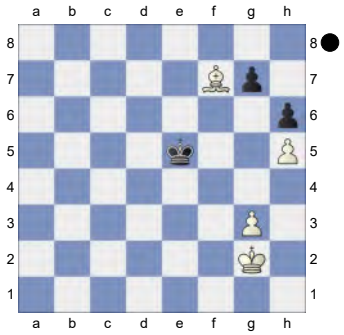


51.Kg2 White is clearly winning.
51...Kc3 52.Qf5 Kd2 53.Qf3 Qxe5 54.Qf2+ Qe2 55.Qxe2+ Kxe2

(Diagram)



56.Bc6 Ke3 57.Bxd5 Kd4 58.Be6 Ke5 59.Bf7

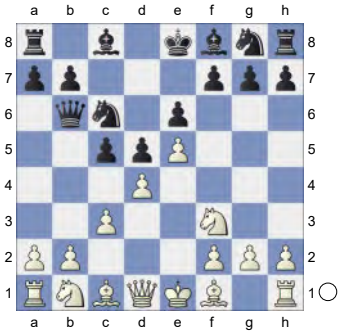


What a bad dream for Black.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.72/ Black=0.56
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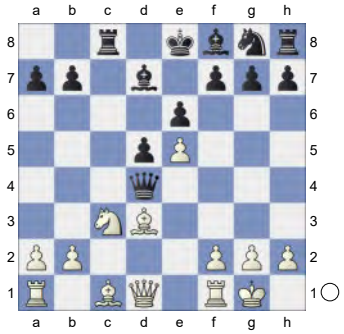
38 **C02**
□ **Chess-maestro1982** **2587**
■ **elmonstro13** **2703**
Blitz 27.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
Every year traditional Christmas tournaments are held in a number of towns. The best known competition of this type is the tournament in the small English town of Hastings, which was first held as early as 1895. Recently they have begun to hold such tournaments in Holland CC StartBracket CC Beverwijk CC End Bracket CC, and also in Sweden. It was to the New Year tournament in Stockholm that Soviet grandmasters Kotov and I were invited. It should be added that the 1960-1961 Tournament was timed to coincide with an important jubilee of the Swedish Chess Organisation.Early in 1911 the Stockholm Chess Club was formed, and for half a century now it has been the centre for Swedish chess players. Therefore, the Jubilee Tournament was, if one can so express it, especially festive. We arrived in the Swedish capital on 28th December at 10 o'clock local time. It turned out that we had been expected since the previous evening, but even so we had flown in just at the right time - we still had at our disposal a whole half hour before the start of a televised game.Of course, the time set aside for us to rest flew past unnoticed, and when we assembled in the television studio, we felt somewhat exhausted.My opponent was the well known Swedish Grandmaster Stĺhlberg. The time control was not altogether normal - 50 minutes for the whole game, so that the viewers should be able to follow the game in its entirety. Thinking, however, that to follow the game for two hours at a stretch would also not be easy, the Swedish television authorities decided to extend the pleasure over three days.This was perhaps more interesting for the spectators, and also less tiring for the participants, since every 35-40 minutes there was an interval. Grandmaster Kotov took the role of commentator.Now I can perhaps disclose a small secret. The game was shown from 6th to 8th January, and the participants had to give their word that

until the end of the transmission no word of the game was to appear in the press. Therefore I only had the chance to 'boast' about my win following the conclusion of the tournament. **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**

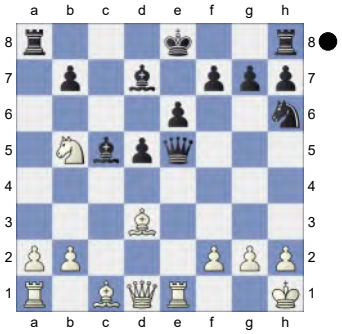


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Rc8N
[10...Qb6 11.Qe2 *(11.Qg4 h5 12.Qg5 g6 13.a4 Bh6 14.Qh4 a6 15.Bxh6 Nxh6 16.Qf6 Rf8 17.Nxd5 Qd8 18.Qf4 exd5 19.Qxh6 Qe7 20.Qe3 Bc6 21.Rac1 Rg8 22.f4 Kf8 23.f5 gxf5 24.Qh6+ Rg7 25.Rxf5 Bd7* Chapter Four: World Champion-Tal,M (33)*)* 11...a6 12.Kh1 Ne7 13.f4 g6 *(13...d4 14.Ne4 Nf5 15.a4 a5 16.Bd2 Be7 17.Nf6+ gxf6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bxf5 Rc8 20.Be4 Bc6 21.Rac1 Rg8 22.f5 e5 23.g4 Kd7 24.g5 Rxg5 25.Bxg5 Bxg5 26.Rxc6 Rxc6 27.Qh5 f6 28.h4* Hebels,A (2463)-Kribben,M (2584) ICCF email 2007 Myers [Kribben] 0-1 (44) *)* 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Rac1 Qd8 16.f5 exf5 17.Bg5 Be6 18.Bb5+ axb5 19.Nxb5 Bg7 20.Nc7+ Kf8 21.Nxa8 Qxa8 22.Rc7 Nc6 23.Qb5 Bxe5 24.Rxb7 Bc8 25.Rb6 10.0-0 ♖e8 11. ♗c2 ♘f8_1 (1860)-Kostopoulos,E (1930) Budapest 2003 Schiller's List 1.d4 [Dragan Solak] 1-0]
[10...a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Rd1 *(12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Qb6 14.f5 0-0-0 15.fxe6 Bxe6 16.Bf5 d4 17.Bxe6+ fxe6 18.Nd1 d3 19.Qe1 Qd4 20.Bf4 Bb4 21.Qg3 Rhf8 22.Qg4 Rde8 23.Nc3 Nxe5 24.Qg3 Nc6 25.Be3 Qd7 26.Na4 Rxf1+* Makosa,S (1800)-Nowak,M (1947) Leba 2006 [ChessCalisthenics] 1-0 (37)*)* 12...Nc6 13.Bxa6 Qxe5 14.Qxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Ba6 Bd6 17.a4 0-0 18.Bf1 Rfc8 19.a5 Nc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Rxd5 Be6 22.Bxc4 Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Rb5 24.Bf3 Rxa5 25.Rb1 Echange-N,N [fabli] (31)]

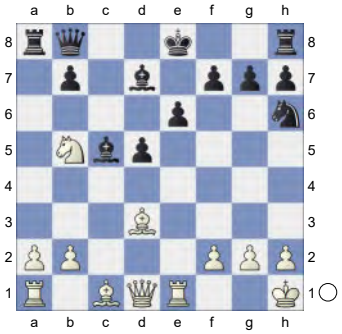


11.Kh1 -0.77/17
[11.Nb5= -0.24/18 Qxe5 12.Re1]
11...Nh6 0.03/18
[11...Qxe5∓ -0.77/17 12.Re1 Qd6]
12.Nb5 -0.54/19
[12.Bxh6= 0.03/18 gxh6 13.f4]
12...Qxe5∓ Black is slightly better.
13.Nxa7 Ra8 -0.01/22
[Resist 13...Bd6 14.f4 Rxc1 15.Qxc1=]
[13...Rd8!∓ -0.51/19]
14.Nb5= Bc5 0.54/20
[14...Rc8!= 0.01/20]
15.Re1? -2.82/20
[15.Bxh6± 0.54/20 gxh6 16.f4]

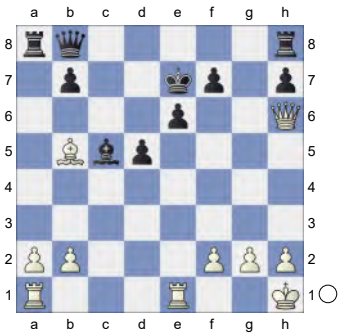
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15...Qb8? 0.61/19
[15...Ng4!-+ -2.82/20 16.Rxe5 Nxf2+ 17.Kg1 Nxd1+ 18.Kf1 Nf2]

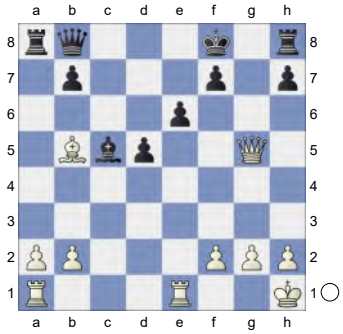


16.Qh5± &Bianco is more active.
16...Bxb5 2.23/21
[16...Bxf2? 17.Rf1 Nf5 18.Rxf2+-]
[16...Rg8± 0.77/18]
17.Bxb5++- Kf8 18.Bxh6 gxh6
19.Qxh6+ Ke7? #11/21
[19...Kg8± 1.44/20]

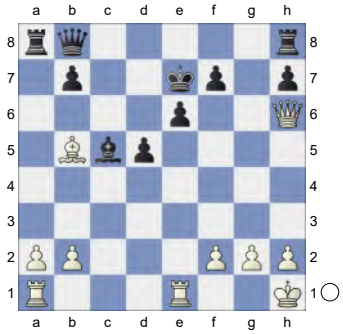


20.Qg5+? 2.35/21
[20.Rxe6+!! #11/21 fxe6 21.Qg7+ Kd6 22.Qd7+ Ke5 23.Re1+ Be3 24.Rxe3+ Kd4 25.Qxe6]

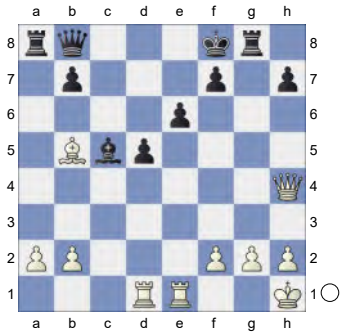
20...Kf8



21.Qh6+? -0.01/19
[White should play 21.Qf6+- 2.15/21 Kg8 22.Rac1]
21...Ke7!=



22.Qh4+? 2.19/23
[22.Rxe6+!! #11/20 mates fxe6 23.Qg7+ Kd6 24.Qd7+ Ke5 25.Re1+ Be3 26.Rxe3+ Kd4 27.Qxe6]
22...Kf8+- 23.Rad1 1.18/20
[Better is 23.Qf6+- 1.98/21 Rg8 24.Rxe6]
23...Rg8 3.06/20
[23...Qd6± 1.18/20]



24.Qxh7? -0.41/20

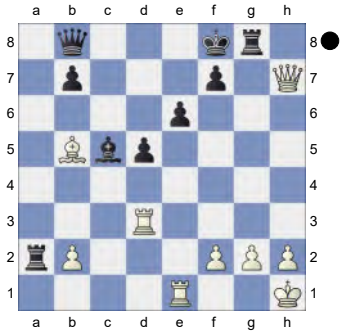
[24.Rxe6!+- 3.06/20 Qc7 25.Qxh7]

24...Rxa2? 3.73/21

[24...Qf4∓ -0.41/20 stays ahead. 25.Re2 Rxa2]

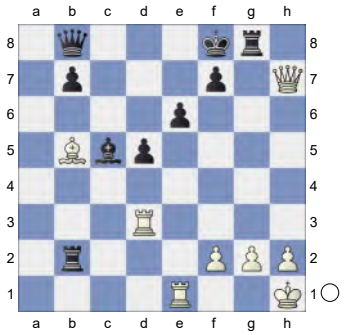
25.Rd3?? -1.67/20

[25.Qh6++- 3.73/21 was the only winning move. Rg7 26.Rxe6!]



25...Rxb2?? 9.74/22

[25...Qe5!!-+ -1.67/20 26.Qh6+ Qg7 27.Qxg7+ Kxg7 28.Rg3+ Kf8]

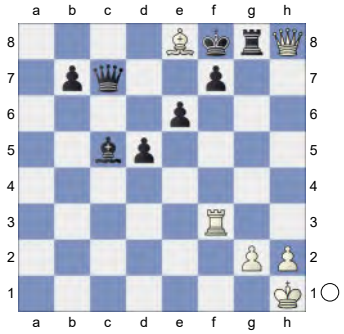


26.Rf3! Qc7 27.Be8? 2.13/22 **Rxf2?** 14.89/25

[27...Rg7 2.13/22 28.Qh8+ Rg8 29.Qxb2 Kxe8]

28.Rf1? -0.01/22 **Rxf3 29.Rxf3→** White is up to no good. Dancing on a razor blade. **29...Rg7 30.Qh8+ Rg8**

(Diagram)

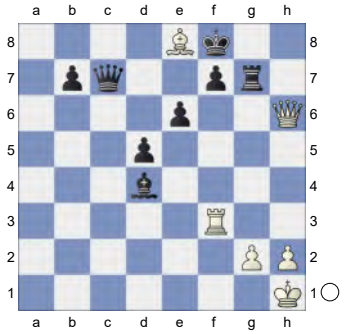


31.Qh7 Rg7 32.Qh6 -1.49/22

[32.Qh8+!= 0.01/20 Rg8 33.Qh7]

32...Bd4? 1.58/23

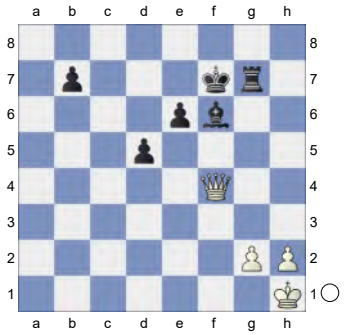
[32...Qe5∓ -1.49/22 and life is bright. (-> ...Qe1+) 33.Qh8+ Ke7]



33.Rxf7+!± Black is on the road to losing.

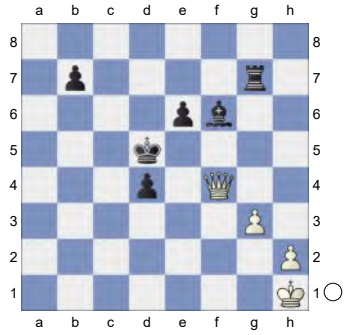
[Much less strong is 33.Bxf7?! Qe5 34.Qxe6 *(34.Bxe6+? Ke7-+)* 34...Qxe6 35.Bxe6+ Ke7 36.Bxd5 b5±]

33...Qxf7 34.Bxf7 Kxf7 Endgame KQ-KRB **35.Qf4+ Bf6**

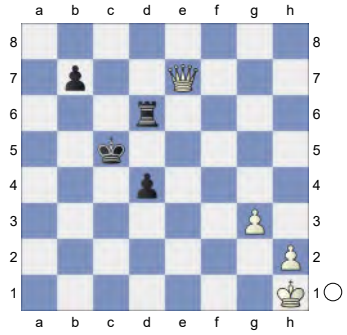


36.Qc7+ White has strong compensation. **36...Kg6 37.Qg3+ Kf5**

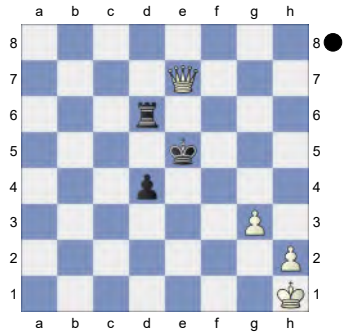
38.Qf3+ Ke5? 5.46/21
[38...Kg6± 1.30/21 is tougher.]
39.g3+- White is clearly winning. **39...d4**
40.Qf4+ Deflection **40...Kd5**



41.Qxf6 KQ-KR **41...Rd7 42.Qf3+ Kc4 43.Qe4 Kc5 44.Qxe6 Rd5 45.Qe7+ Rd6**



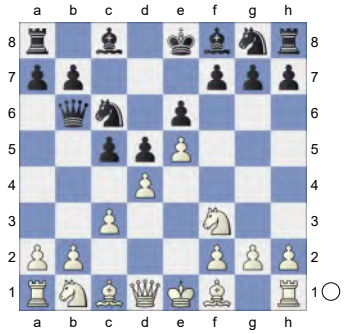
46.Qc7+ Kd5 47.Qxb7+ Ke5 48.Qe7+



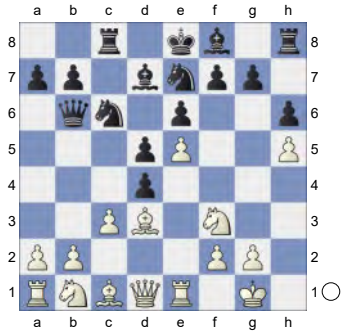
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39 **C02**
☐ **khubushka2007** **2596**
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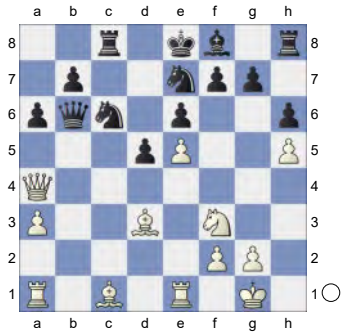
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5 Rc8**



11.a3 a6 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6



16.Rb1 Qa5N

[16...Qc7 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4 21.g3 Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc4 26.Bc3 f6 27.Bd4 Kf7 28.Nh4 e5 29.Ng6 Rg8 30.Bf2 Bd6 31.Rd1 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Galchenko,M (2438) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (55)]

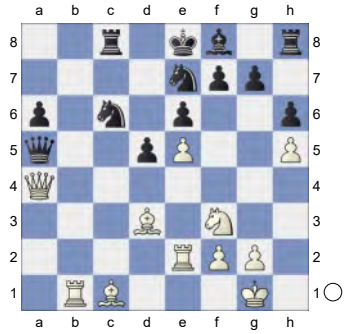
17.Qg4 b5 18.Re2 Qc7? 1.35/21

[18...Nd8= -0.24/20]

19.a4± 0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. **19...bxa4** 2.39/24

[19...b4± 1.34/21 was called for.]

20.Qxa4 Qa5



21.Qg4 0.44/20

[White must play 21.Qxa5+- 2.78/23 Nxa5 22.Bxa6]

21...Ra8 1.69/23

[21...Rb8!± 0.44/20]

22.Be3+- d4 23.Nxd4 0.43/21

[23.Bxd4± 1.58/21 Threatens to win with Bb6. Nd5 24.Ra1]

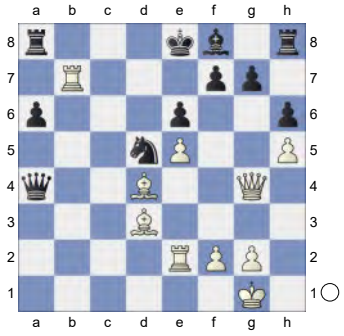
23...Nxd4 4.91/24

[23...Nxe5± 0.43/21 24.Qe4 Qd5]

24.Bxd4 Nd5 Inhibits Bb6. **25.Rb7 Qa4?** 7.76/24

[25...Be7 3.48/21 26.Qxg7 Rf8]

(Diagram)

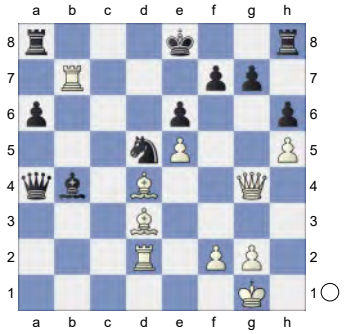


26.Rd2? 3.04/22

[26.Rc2 7.76/24]

26...Bb4? 6.93/24

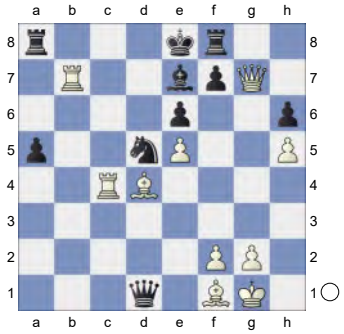
[26...Qc6 3.04/22]



27.Qxg7! Rf8 28.Rc2 Inhibits Rc8. **28...Be7 29.Rc4 Qd1+ 30.Bf1** Chess con chili. A strong pair of Bishops.

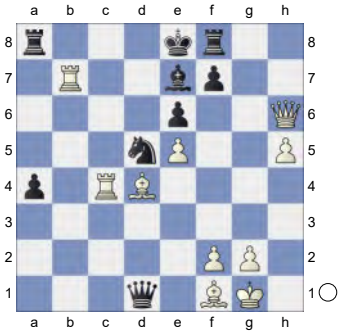
30...a5? 10.49/22

[30...Qxh5 2.08/21 31.Rc6 Qh4]

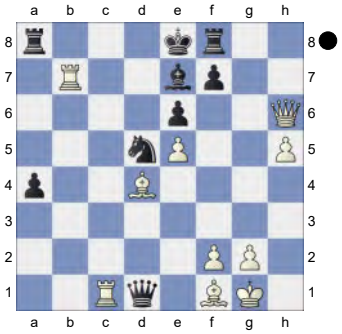


31.Qxh6 a4

(Diagram)



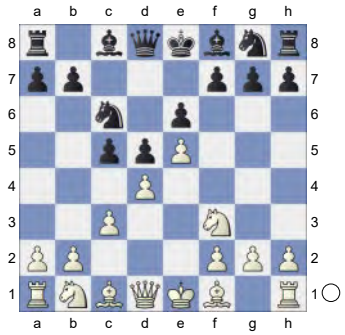
32.Rc1!



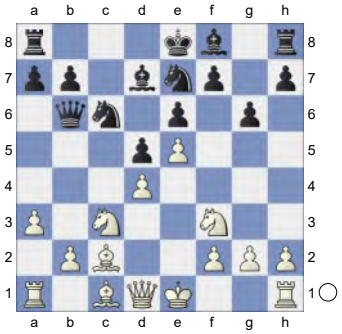
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40 **B12**
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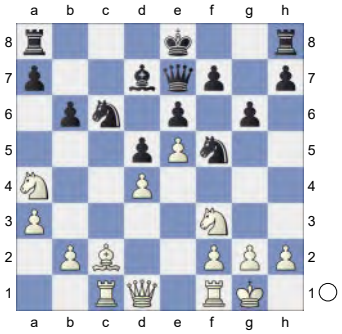
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B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 e6 4.Nf3
[4.f4 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Qb6 7.Be2 Bd7 8.0-0 g6 9.dxc5 Bxc5+ 10.Kh1 h5 11.Nbd2 Nh6 12.Nb3 Be7 13.Bd3 Ng4 14.Qe2 Na5 15.Nbd4 Rc8 16.h3 a6 17.g3 Nh6 18.Be3 Qc7 1-0 (38) Kies,W (2144)-Arlt,K (2015) Leverkusen-ch op 2005 (9)]
4...c5
[4...h6 5.c3 Nd7 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.h4 b5 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 Bb7 10.axb5 axb5 11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.h5 Nc8 13.b4 Be7 14.Nh2 Bf8 15.Nd2 Ncb6 16.Nb3 Na4 17.Qe1 Be7 18.f4 0-0 19.Ng4 1-0 (28) Jacobs,R (2301)-Martinez Munoz,J (1387) corr S-Open/ 9-pr 39 2024]
5.c3 Nc6



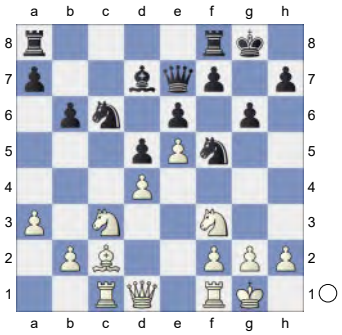
6.Bd3 Qb6N 1.15/20
[⌓6...Nge7 0.76/20 7.0-0 Ng6 8.Re1 Be7 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.b4 Be7 11.b5 Na5 12.g3 42. Caro-Kann 3.e5 − 3rd Mo-Caro-Kann 3.e5 e6 #2]
[6...Bd7 7.0-0 Rc8 8.Re1 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4 10.Bd2 Bxd2 11.Nbxd2 Nb4 12.Bb1 Qc7 13.Qb3 a5 14.a3 Nc6 15.Bd3 Nge7 16.Rac1 0-0 17.Ng5 h6 2. Warm-up-Nicola Verrascina Vs Michele]
[6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.0-0 a6 10.Ne2 Nge7 11.Ng3 g6 12.a3 Ba5 13.Bg5 Bb6 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Bc2 Bd8 16.Bf6 Rg8 17.Re1 Nf5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Nh5 Rg6 20.Qd2 Ne7 21.Nh4 1-0 (44) Richardson,J (2189)-1. e4 c5 2. b3 e/d pawns (1768) Asian Continental 2010 (1)]
7.a3 0.78/20
[⌓7.0-0 1.15/20]
7...Bd7± 8.Bc2 White is better. **8...cxd4** 1.14/20
[8...Nh6± 0.61/18]
9.cxd4 Nge7 10.Nc3 g6 1.39/20
[Better is 10...Na5 0.96/19]



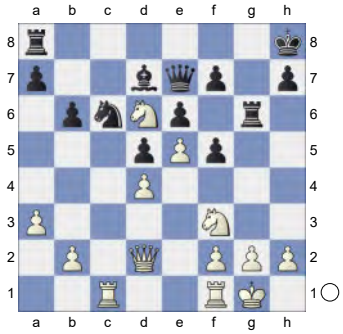
11.0-0 Nf5 12.Na4 Qd8 1.69/21
[12...Qc7± 1.33/20 might work better.]
13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Rc1↑ White is really pushing. **15...b6**



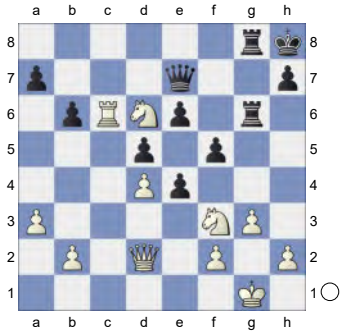
16.Nc3 0-0? 3.04/19
[16...Na5± 1.37/20 17.Bd3 Rc8]



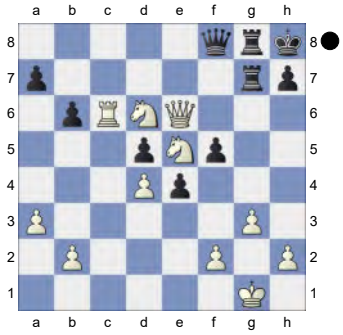
17.Bxf5+- gxf5 18.Qd2 Kh8 19.Nb5? 0.40/20
[White should try 19.Ne2+- 2.77/20]
19...Rg8 1.67/18
[19...Nxe5!± 0.40/20 20.Nxe5 Bxb5]
20.Nd6 Rg6 3.07/18
[⌓20...f6 1.85/19 21.b4 Rg7]



21.g3 Rag8 3.62/18
[21...f6 2.50/17 was worth a try. 22.Rc3 fxe5]
22.Rc3 f6 23.Rfc1 fxe5 24.Rxc6
[Don't play 24.dxe5 Na5 25.b4 Nc4+-]
24...Bxc6 25.Rxc6 Black is weak on the dark squares
[Not 25.Nxe5 Be8+-]
25...e4



26.Ne5 R6g7 Inhibits Nd6-f7+. **27.Qh6 Qf8** #14/20
[27...Rf8+- 5.13/20 28.Nb5 Re8]
28.Qxe6

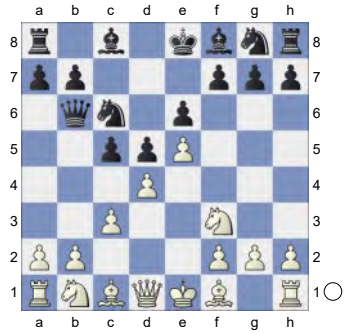


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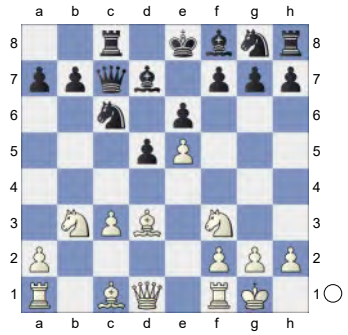
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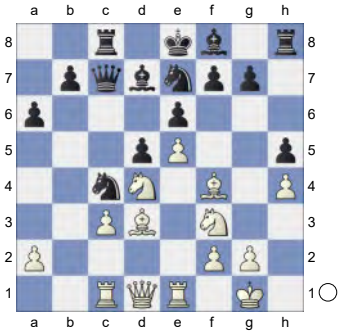
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3
[4.b4 c4 5.c3 a5 6.b5 Nd7 7.d3 cxd3 8.Bxd3 f6 9.exf6 Ngxf6 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nbd2 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 a4 15.Rab1 Gambiteer-French Defence Player Wing Gambit (ALL) 2023 (4)]
4...Nc6 5.d4N
[5.Na3 Nh6 6.Nc2 f6 *(6...Be7 7.d4 Nf5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 g6 12.Re1 f6 13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Rae8 16.Rab1 Qd8 17.Rbd1 Rf7 18.Ncd4 Bb6 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Ne5 Rg7 21.Re3* 1-0 (38) 8.♗d3 ♗d6 9.0-0 0-0 (2483)-Cowper (2218) Kaschau 1893 (2.2) *)* 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Bg5 Qg6 10.Ncxd4 Bd6 11.Bh4 0-0 12.Bg3 Bxg3 13.hxg3 e5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.Qe2 Qf6 17.f4 Bg4 18.Qe3 Nf5 19.Qf2 Rab8 1-0 (32) Cicak,S (2569)-Mertens,M (2217) Luxembourg-chT 1112 2011 (3)]
[5.Bb5 Nge7 6.0-0 Qb6 7.Ba4 Bd7 8.Re1 c4 9.b3 Qa6 10.Na3 Ng6 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.d3 cxd3 13.Qxd3 Qa5 14.Qd1 a6 15.b4 Qd8 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bc2 Qf6 19.Bd2 e5 0-1 (59) Cicak,S (2480)-Hansen,C (2595) VISA GP Reykjavik 1998 (4) 20.Be3 e4 21.Nd4 Nce5 22.Ne2 Be6 23.Bd4 Qg5 24.Ng3 f5 25.Bb3 Nd3 26.Re3 Nxf2 27.Qh5 Qd8 28.Kxf2 f4 29.Rxe4 fxg3+ 30.Kg1 Rf5 31.Qe2 gxh2+ 32.Kh1 Bf7 33.Rg4 Qxd6 34.Bc2 Rh5 ½-½ (59) Zilch,L (2530)-Kariakina,M (2467) 98/(200) Great Britain 2005 (2.1)]
5...Qb6



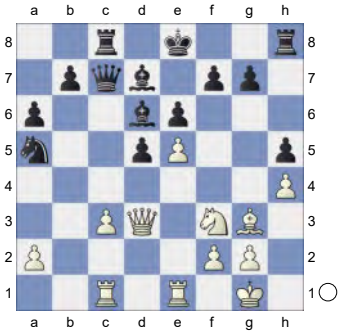
6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 d4xc5 is the strong threat. **7...cxd4 8.Nbd2 Rc8** 0.42/21
[8...dxc3= -0.04/22 9.bxc3 f6]
9.Nb3± dxc3 White is slightly better.
10.bxc3 Qc7



11.Re1 White has compensation.
11...Nge7 12.h4 h5 0.58/19
[12...Na5= 0.09/20 is more appropriate.]
13.Bf4 Na5 14.Nbd4 -0.23/21
[14.Nxa5± 0.34/19 Qxa5 15.Bd2]
14...a6 0.19/22
[14...Qxc3 -0.23/21 was preferrable. 15.Rc1 Qb4]
15.Rc1= Nc4!

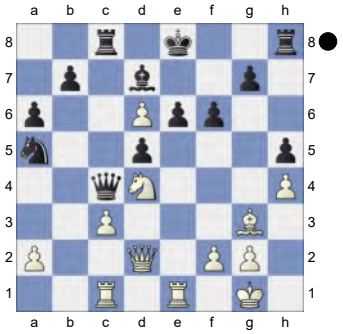


16.Bg3 -0.79/18
[16.Qe2= 0.10/22 keeps the balance.]
16...Nb2∓ 17.Qe2 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Nc6 -0.39/19
[Black should play 18...Qc4∓ -0.78/17 19.Qc2 Nc6]
19.Nf5∓ Na5? 1.16/22
[19...exf5? 20.e6 *(20.Qxd5? Be6-+)* 20...Bxe6 21.Bxc7 Rxc7 22.Qxd5+- *(22.Ng5 Kd7+-)*]
[19...Nd8!∓ -0.39/20 keeps the upper hand. 20.c4 *(20.Nd6+ Bxd6 21.exd6 Qc4∓)* 20...dxc4 *(20...exf5? 21.e6+-* Discovered Attack *)*]
20.Nd6+ 0.42/18
[20.Ng5!± 1.16/22]
20...Bxd6±

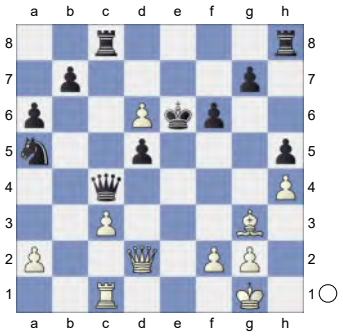


21.exd6 Qc4 Black is weak on the dark squares **22.Qd2** -1.03/21
[22.Qb1± 0.38/20 stays ahead.]
22...f6∓ 23.Nd4

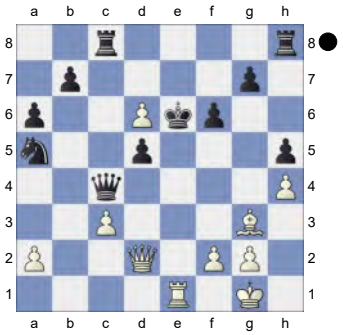
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Kf7 24.Nxe6 Decoy **24...Bxe6 25.Rxe6 Kxe6**

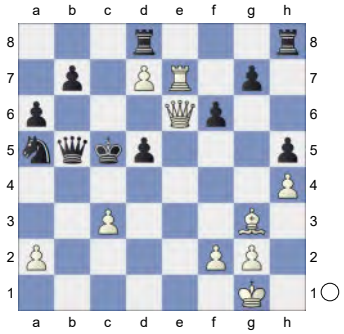


26.Re1+

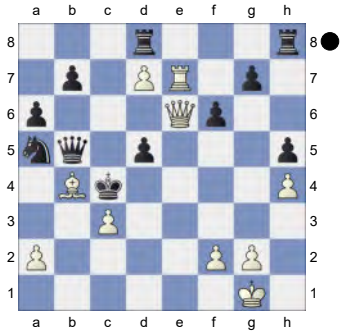


Kd7!
[26...Kf7 27.Re7+ Kg8 *(27...Kf8 28.Qe1=)* 28.d7=]
27.Re7+ Kc6 aiming for ...Rh8-d8.
28.d7 Rcd8 29.Qe3 Threatens to win with Re7-e6+. **29...Qb5?** #6/16
[29...Qxa2 30.Re6+ *(30.Qe6+? Kb5-+)* 30...Kxd7 31.Re7+ *(31.Rd6+ Kc7 32.Qb6+ Kc8 33.Rxd8+ Rxd8 34.Qc7#)* 31...Kc6 32.Rc7+ *(32.Rxg7? Rh7-+)* 32...Kb5 33.Qc5+ Ka4 34.Qb4#]
[29...Kb5∓ -1.49/19 30.Re8 Ka4

(30...Qxa2 31.Rxh8 Rxh8 32.Qe8∓)
31.Rxh8 Rxh8]
30.Qe6+ 4.38/5
[30.Rxg7? Qb1+ *(30...Rxd7? 31.Qe6+* Deflection, Double Attack *Kc5 32.Rxd7+-)* 31.Kh2 Qe4-+ *(31...Rxd7? 32.Qe6++-* Deflection, Double Attack; *31...Rxd7? 32.Qe6+* Deflection, Double Attack *Kb5 33.Qxd7+ Kb6 34.Bc7+* Skewer, Deflection *Ka7 35.Bxa5+-)*]
[⌓30.Re6+ #6/16 Kxd7 31.Re7+ Kc8 32.Qa7 *(32.Rxg7? Rd7-+; 32.Rc7+ Kb8+-)* 32...Qb1+ 33.Kh2 Qh1+ 34.Kxh1 Rh7 35.Rc7#]
30...Kc5+-



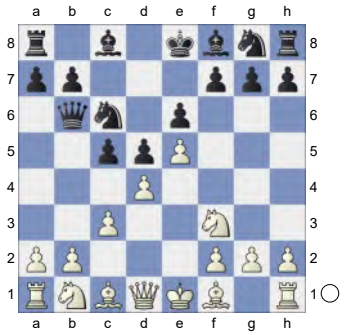
Strongly threatening ...Na5-c4.
31.Bd6+? -1.03/16
[31.Rxg7 Qc6 32.Qe7+ Kb6∓]
[31.Qe3+ #7/14 mates Kc6 32.Re6+ *(32.Rxg7? Qb1+ 33.Kh2 Qe4-+; 32.Qe6+ Kc5 33.Qe3+ Kc6)* 32...Kxd7 33.Re7+ Kc8 34.Qa7 *(34.Rxg7? Rd7-+; 34.Rc7+ Kb8+-)* 34...Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Qh1+ 36.Kxh1 Rh7 37.Rc7#]
31...Kc4? #5/15
[31...Kb6∓ -1.03/16 32.Qe3+ Kc6]
32.Bb4 5.58/17
[32.Rxg7 Qb1+ 33.Kh2 Qd3=]
[⌓32.Qe2+ #5/15 Kxc3 33.Re3+ Qd3 34.Rxd3+ *(34.Qxd3+ Kb2 35.Qd2+ Kb1 36.Re1#)* 34...Kc4 35.Rh3+ Kd4 36.Qd3#]



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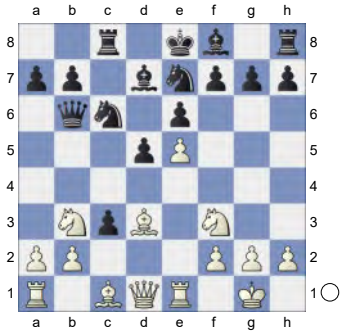
42 **C02**
□ **Eyesless18** **2864**
■ **Multibrendovyi** **2852**
Blitz 16.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

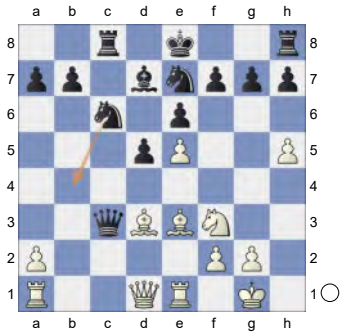


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.16/19
[7.dxc5!± 0.66/21 Bxc5 8.0-0]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 Nge7 The position is equal. **10.Nb3 dxc3**

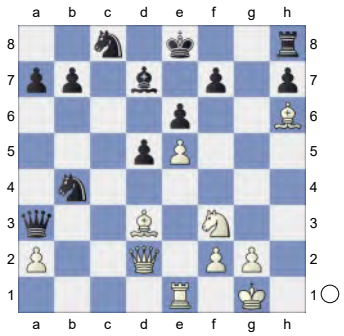
(Diagram)



11.bxc3 Ng6 0.60/21
[11...Na5= 0.17/20 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Rb1 b6 15.Qe2 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Be7 19.Bg5 Qc5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6 Rc7 22.Rbd1 Rd7 23.Re5 h6 24.Qg6+ Kf8 25.Qxf5+ Ke8 26.Bxe7 Rxe7 1-0 Aranaz Muri Murillo,A (2689)-Dias,M (2609) Politiken Cup 31st 2009]
12.h4± Bc5N 1.23/19
[12...Qc7± 0.50/21 13.Qe2 Na5 14.h5 Ne7 15.Nbd4 Nc4 16.h6 Ng6 17.Rb1 gxh6 18.Bxc4 dxc4 19.Nb5 Bxb5 20.Rxb5 Bg7 21.Ba3 Nf4 22.Qe4 Nd5 23.Rxd5 exd5 24.Qxd5 Bf8 25.Bd6 Qc6 26.Qd4 Rd8 27.Nh4 Rg8 (35) Additional Games For Se-Nemec,V]
[12...Qd8 13.g3 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nbd4 Kf7 16.Rb1 b6 17.Nxc6 Rxc6 18.h5 Ne7 19.Bb2 Bh6 20.Nd4 Rd6 21.Ba3 Nc8 22.Qf3 f5 23.Bxd6 Nxd6 24.Bb5 Nxb5 25.Nxb5 Bxb5 26.Rxb5 Qd7 27.Rbb1 0-1 (41) Novotny,D (1894)-Burdalev,K (2324) Prague Golden Rapid op 2023 (3)]
[12...Be7 13.h5 Nh4 14.Rb1 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Qc7 16.Qg3 g6 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Qc3 19.Bh6 Bc6 20.Qe3 Rg8 21.Rec1 Qa3 22.Qd2 Kd7 23.Rb3 Qa4 24.Qb2 Rc7 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Bd2 a6 27.Bc2 1-0 (31) Posizione (2515)-Newton,F (2274) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (7)]
13.Nxc5± Qxc5 14.h5 Nge7 15.Be3 0.95/21
[⌓15.h6 1.33/19 gxh6 16.Rb1 *(16.Bxh6 Qxc3 17.Rb1 Rc7=)*]
15...Qxc3

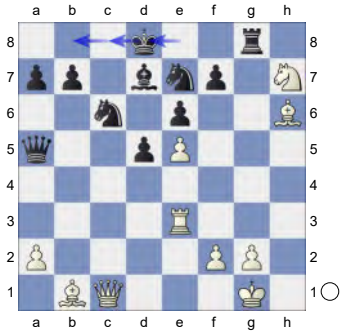


...Nc6-b4! would now be deadly. **16.Rc1↑** Black is under strong pressure. **16...Qa5 17.h6 gxh6 18.Bxh6** This pair of bishops is nice. **18...Nb4** 1.17/18
[18...Qb4± 0.47/18]
19.Qd2 0.18/22
[19.Rxc8+± 1.17/18 Bxc8 20.Bd2]
19...Qa3 0.63/18
[19...Rxc1= 0.18/22 is superior. 20.Rxc1 Qa3]
20.Rxc8+ Nxc8 1.39/19
[Black should play 20...Bxc8± 0.49/19 21.Bb5+ Nbc6]

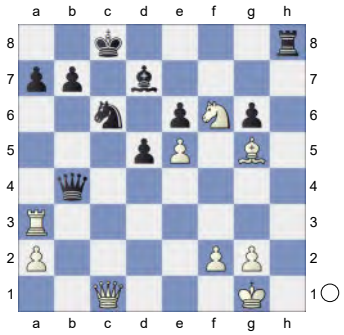


21.Bb1 Rg8 2.38/21 Against Qd2-g5
[21...Ne7± 1.15/19 might work better.]
22.Re3

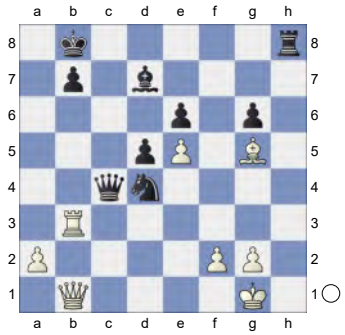
[22.Bxh7?! Rg4 23.Nh2 Rc4]
22...Qa5 23.Ng5
[23.Bxh7 Rg4±]
23...Nc6 24.Qc1 1.27/19
[24.Qxa5!+- 2.43/21 Nxa5 25.Bxh7]
24...N8e7 1.81/20
[24...Kd8± 1.27/19]
25.Nxh7 0.85/18
[25.Bxh7+- 1.81/20 Nf5 26.Ra3]
25...Kd8



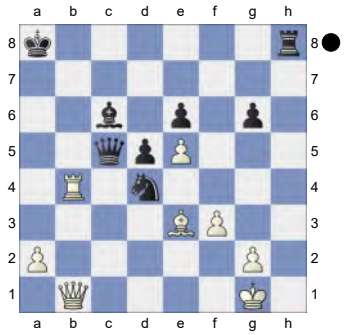
26.Nf6 0.47/17 Dodges Rg8-g4
[26.Ng5± 0.93/20]
26...Rh8!± 27.Ra3 -0.18/18
[27.Bg5± 0.59/18]
27...Qb4 0.84/18
[27...Qc7!= -0.18/18]
28.Bf4 0.00/22 White is more active.
[White should try 28.Be3± 0.84/18]
28...Ng6 0.77/25
[28...Qc4= 0.00/22 keeps the balance.]
29.Bxg6 fxg6 30.Bg5 Kc8



31.Rxa7 Kb8 Repels Ra7-a8+ **32.Ra3** Chess con chili.
[32.Nxd7+ Kxa7 33.Bd2 Qe7 34.Qc5+ Qxc5 35.Nxc5 Re8-+ *(35...Nxe5? 36.Nxe6 Kb6 37.Bc3-+)*]
32...Bc8 33.Rb3 0.29/18
[33.Rc3!± 0.94/21]
33...Qc4= 34.Qb1? -2.34/19
[34.Qd2= 0.30/22 and White stays safe.]
34...Nd4-+ 35.Nd7+? -5.31/19
[35.Rb2 -2.48/23 was necessary. Ne2+ 36.Rxe2 Qxe2 37.f3]
35...Bxd7

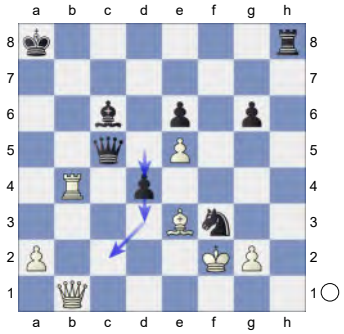


36.Rxb7+ Ka8 37.f3 -7.52/20
[37.Rxd7? Ne2+ 38.Kf1 Rh1#]
[⌓37.Rb2 -4.99/19]
37...Bc6 38.Rb4 Qc5 (-> ...Nd4-b5+)
39.Be3

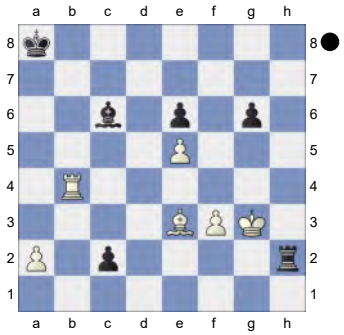


Nxf3+! Discovered Attack, Double Attack
40.Kf2 d4!

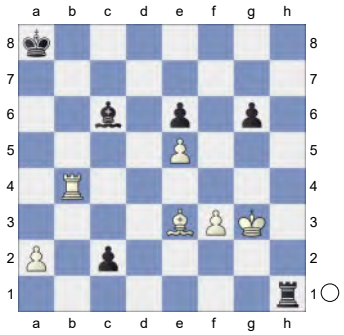
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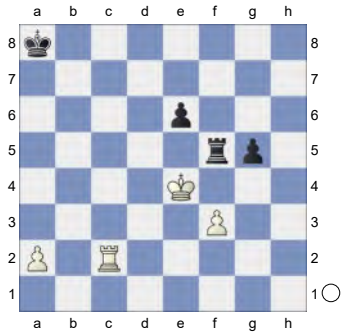
41.Bf4 d3+ 42.Be3 Qc2+ -1.03/17
[42...Qxe5? 43.Qxd3 Qa5 44.Qc3 Qxa2+ *(44...Ne5? 45.Rb8+* Discovered Attack *Kxb8 46.Qxa5+-)* 45.Rb2+-]
[42...Qd5 43.Rb3 Qa5 *(43...Nxe5 44.Ra3+)* 44.gxf3=]
[42...Qa5!-+ -4.49/22 43.Qb2 Rf8 *(43...Nxe5? 44.Kg3-+)*]
43.Qxc2∓ dxc2 44.gxf3 Endgame. KRB-KRB **44...Rh2+ 45.Kg3**



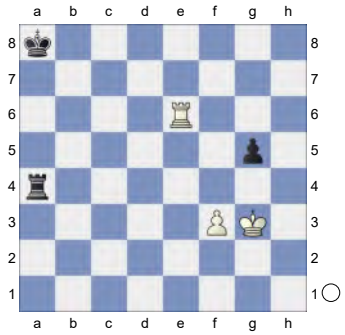
Rh1 0.03/20
[Better is 45...Re2!∓ -0.91/25 46.Bh6 Bd5 *(46...Rxe5? 47.Rc4-+)*]



46.Rc4= Re1 47.Rxc6
[47.Rxc2 simplifies Rxe3 48.Rxc6 Rxe5 49.Rb6]
47...Rxe3 48.Rxc2 Threatens to win with Kg3-f4. **48...Rxe5** KR-KR **49.Kf4 Rf5+ 50.Ke4 g5**

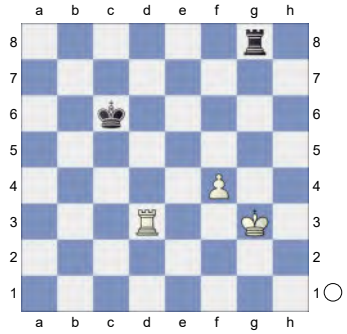


51.Rc6 Rf4+ 52.Ke3 Ra4 53.Rxe6 Ra3+ 54.Kf2 Rxa2+ 55.Kg3 And now Re6-b6 would win. **55...Ra4?** 4.08/30
[55...Kb7= 0.00/30]

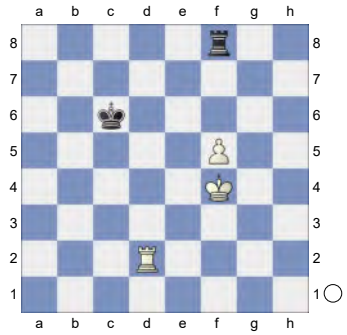


56.Re5? 0.02/22
[56.Rb6!+- 4.08/30 Rb6-b5 is the strong threat. Rc4 57.Rb5]
56...Kb7! 57.Rxg5 Kc7? 11.21/24
[57...Kc6= 0.07/22]
58.Rd5+- Kc6 59.Rd3 Ra8 60.f4 Rg8+

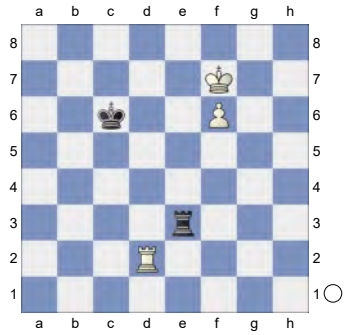
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61.Kf3 Rf8 62.Rd2 Rg8 63.Ke4 aiming for f4-f5. **63...Rf8 64.f5 Re8+ 65.Kf4 Rf8**



66.Kg5 Rg8+ 67.Kf6 Rf8+ 68.Ke6 Rg8 69.Kf7 Rg3 70.f6 Hoping for Kf7-f8. **70...Re3**



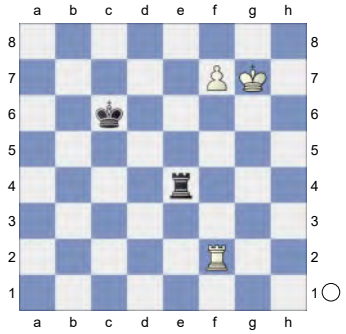
71.Kg7 Black must now prevent Rd2-g2. **71...Rf3 72.f7** White threatens Rd2-d4 and mate. **72...Re3 73.Kf8** 9.18/20

[Not 73.f8B Rg3+ 74.Kf7 Rf3+ 75.Kg8 Rg3+ 76.Bg7 Rg4±]

[⌓73.Rf2 #24/18 Re7 74.Rf5 Rc7 75.Kg8 Rc8+ 76.f8Q *(76.f8B Rd8=)* 76...Rxf8+ 77.Kxf8 Kd6 78.Kf7]

73...Rg3 74.Rf2 Threatening mate with Kf8-e7. **74...Re3 75.Kg7** White mates.

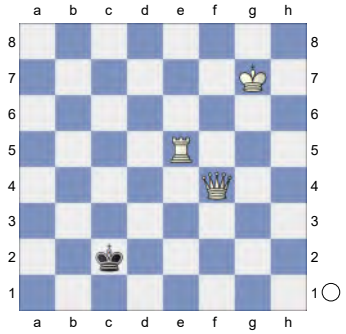
75...Re4



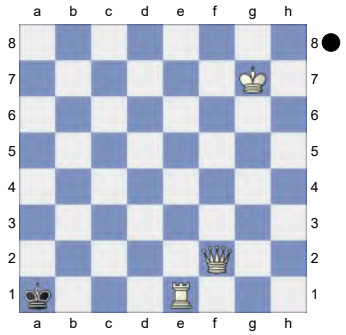
76.f8Q

[Less strong is 76.f8B Re5±]

76...Re5 77.Qf6+ Kd5 78.Rf5 Kc4 79.Rxe5 Kb3 80.Qf4 Kc2



81.Re3 Kb1 82.Qf2 Ka1 83.Re1#



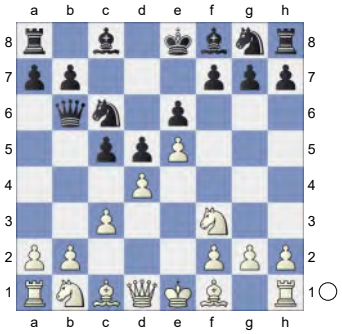
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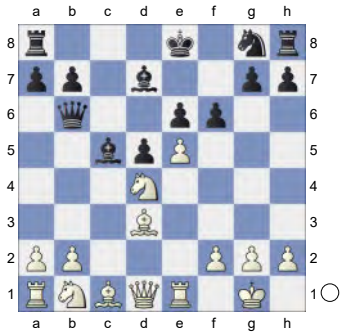
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43 **C02**
□ **benkonian** **2641**
■ **Dragon_Shield** **2865**
Rapid 05.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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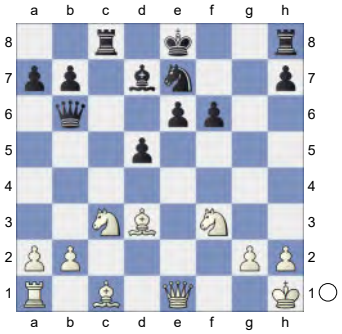


6.Bd3 f6 0.59/18
[6...cxd4= 0.01/19
A) 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 *(8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Nb3 Nc6 12.Qg3 g6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 b6 15.Rac1 Qb7 16.Qf2 h5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nxa5 bxa5 19.Qd2 Be7 20.Qxa5 Bd8 21.Qd2 Bb6 22.Bxb6 Qxb6+* Kulich,F (2028)-Kedrzynski,A (1462) Jaen Liptovsky 2023 1-0 (59) *)* 8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Nf8 15.Rb1 h6 16.c4 Nb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nfd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bg4 20.Bd2 Ne6 21.Qg3 Nxd4 Corominas Garrido,A (2389)-Reichardt,J (2204) corr Cuba 2023 CB on-line [John Watson] 1-0;
B) 7.cxd4 Bd7]
7.0-0± Bd7N
[7...fxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Ne7 10.Be3 Nc6 11.b4 Nxe5 12.Re1 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 c4 14.Bxb6 cxd3 15.Bd4 Bd7 16.Re3 0-0-0 17.Bxa7 Kc7 18.Bd4 Re8 19.Nd2 Bb5 20.a4 Bc4 21.Nf3 Rg8 22.Ne5 Bauer,S-Leidig,A Vrnjacka Banja 1993 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] 1-0 (37) Be7 23.Nxd3 Bxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra8 25.Re3 Kd7 26.a5 g5 27.Rh3 Rgc8 28.Rxh7 Rc7 29.Re1 b6 30.axb6 Rb7 31.Rh6 Bd8 32.Rhxe6 Kc8 33.g3 Ra6 34.Rc6+ Kb8 35.Be5+ Ka8 36.Rc8+ Rb8 37.Rxb8# Marandich,G-Ladjouze,H Bratislava 1993 [ChessCalisthenics] 1-0 (37)]
8.Re1 cxd4 White is slightly better.
9.cxd4 Nxd4? 2.72/20
[9...fxe5± 0.65/18 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.dxe5 Nh6]
10.Nxd4+- Strongly threatening Nc3!
10...Bc5

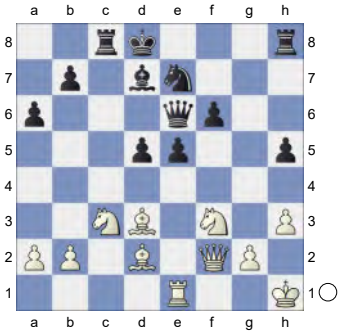


11.Nf3
[11.Qh5+ Kf8±]
11...Bxf2+ 12.Kh1 Bxe1 13.Qxe1 Rc8 2.51/18
[⌓13...fxe5 1.96/18 14.Qxe5 *(14.Nxe5 Nf6±)* 14...Nf6]
14.Nc3 Ne7 15.exf6 gxf6

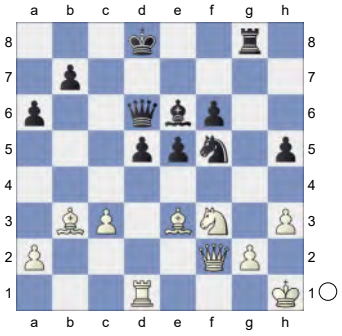
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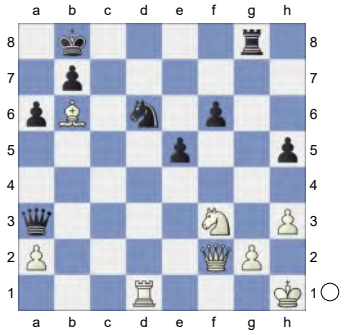
16.Qh4 e5 17.Bd2 White has strong compensation. **17...h5** 2.37/20
[17...Rg8± 1.27/16 was necessary.]
18.Re1 And now Nxe5! would win.
18...Qe6 19.h3 Kd8 20.Qf2 a6



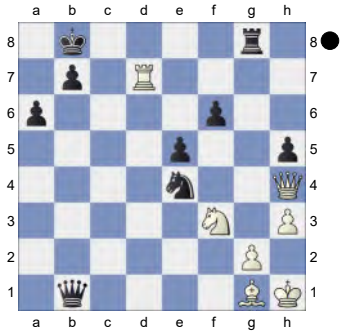
21.Bc2 0x0.001331ca8b9edp-1022s more active pieces.
[21.Nd4?! Qd6±]
21...Qd6 22.Bb3 A strong pair of Bishops. **22...Rg8** 2.74/20
[⌓22...Kc7 1.72/17]
23.Be3 Be6 3.43/19
[23...Bb5 2.22/20 keeps fighting. 24.Qd2 Kd7 25.Nxd5 Nxd5]
24.Rd1 The board is on fire. **24...Rxc3 25.bxc3 Nf5**



26.Bxd5 Bxd5
[26...Nxe3 27.Qxe3]
27.c4 Qa3 28.Bb6+ Kc8 Hoping for ... Be4. **29.cxd5 Kb8 30.d6 Nxd6**

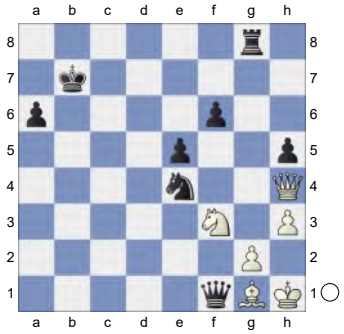


31.Qh4 1.83/19 Against Qb4
[But not 31.Qc2 Rc8 32.Qg6 Ne8+-]
[⌓31.Qd2 3.87/23 e4 32.Qxd6+ Qxd6 33.Rxd6 exf3 34.gxf3]
31...Qxa2 32.Rd2 -0.01/19
[32.Ne1+- 1.64/21 Qe6 33.Bf2 *(33.Qxh5 Nf5±)*]
32...Qb1+= 33.Bg1⇄ White is fighting back **33...Ne4 34.Rd7**

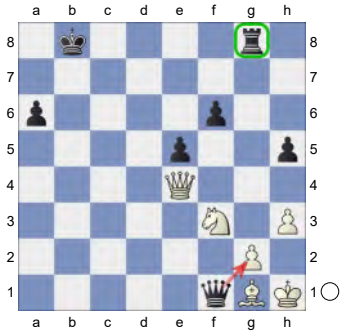


Qf1? 1.54/27 White stays focused until the end. **35.Rxb7+± Kxb7?** 5.08/22
[35...Kc8± 1.52/24 36.Rb2 Qxf3]

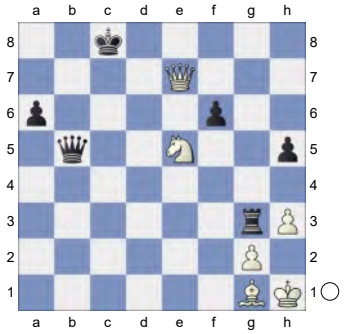
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36.Qxe4++- Kb8

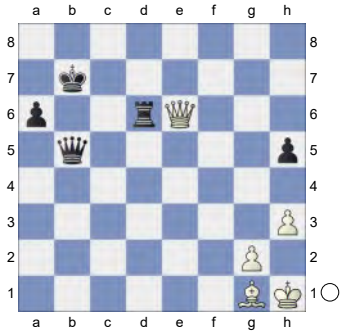


37.Nxe5! Rg3
[37...Rd8 38.Nc6+]
38.Qb4+ Qb5 39.Qf8+ Kb7 40.Qe7+ Kc8

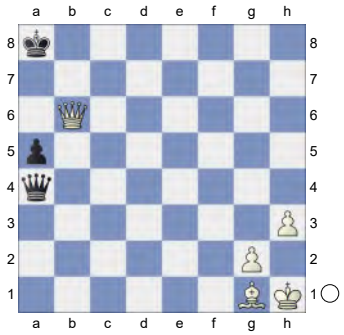


41.Qxf6 Kb7 42.Qe7+ Kc8 43.Qe6+ Kb7 44.Nc4 Intending Nd6+ and mate.
44...Rd3 45.Nd6+ Rxd6

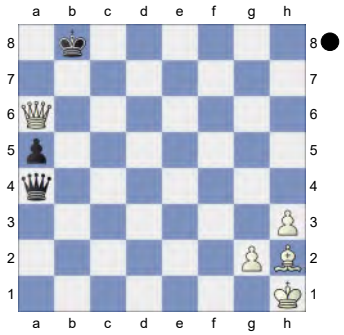
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46.Qxd6 a5 47.Qc5 Qa4 48.Qxh5 Qb4 49.Qc5 Qa4 50.Qb6+ Ka8



51.Qa6+ Kb8 52.Bh2+

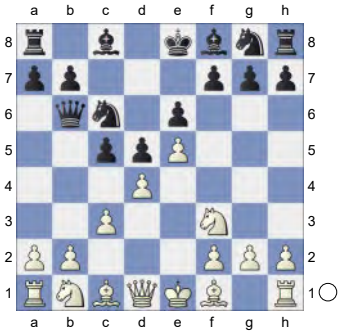


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1-0

44 **C02**
□ **Greifax** **2584**
■ **beast2020** **2669**
Blitz 13.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Bc5N 0.64/20

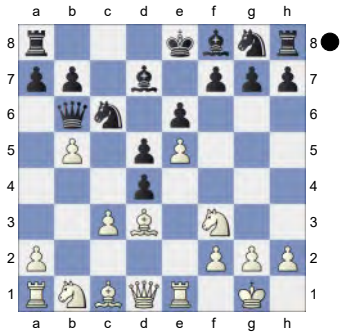
[8...Nge7= -0.03/18 9.h4

A) 9...Rc8 10.a3 a6 11.b4 *(11.Qd2 h6 12.Qf4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Na5 14.Be3 Qd8 15.g4 g6 16.Qf6 Rg8 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.Bc1 Nxa3 19.Nd2 Nb5 20.Bxb5 axb5 21.Nde4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nd5 23.Rxd5 Be7 24.Bxh6 Bxf6 25.Nxf6+ Ke7* Schippke,M (1963)-Ivekovic,T (2094) Mati Losinj 2023 ½-½ (48) *)* 11...dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Be3 Qd8 14.axb4 Rxc3 15.Bc5 Nc6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qd2 Rb3 18.b5 axb5 19.Qc2 Rb4 20.Qc5+ Qe7 21.Ra8+ Be8 22.Qb6 g6 23.h5 Kg7 24.Qe3 Osmak,I (2449)-Bon,M (2392) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (34);

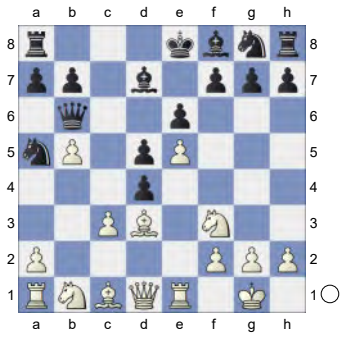
B) 9...h6 10.a3 Rc8 11.b4 a6 12.Bb2 g5 13.Nh2 Bg7 14.Ng4 gxh4 15.cxd4 h5 16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.exf6 Ng8 18.Qf3 Rh6 19.Qxd5 Nxf6 20.Qg5 Ng4 21.Nc3 Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Kxd8 23.Ne4 e5 24.f3 Space advantage: pawn on e5-Vachier Lagrave Ponkratov Riga 2021 [Sipke Ernst] 1-0;

C) 9...a6 10.h5 h6 11.Qe2 f5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Be3 Qe5 16.Nd2 Rg8 17.f4 Qd6 18.Qf2 Rc8 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Bh7 Rg7 21.Ne4 Qc7 22.Bb6 dxe4 23.Bxc7 Rxh7 Frans Millner Barry Improved-N,N _5569 2021 [Robert Ris] (33)]

9.b4± White is slightly better. **9...Bf8 10.b5**



Deflection **10...Na5**



11.cxd4 0.27/19

[11.Nxd4± 0.68/17 Ne7 12.h4]

11...Ne7 0.91/17

[11...Bxb5= 0.27/19 12.Na3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Bxa3 14.Bxa3 Nc4]

12.Nc3± Nf5? 3.13/20

[12...Qc7± 0.83/17 13.Bd2 Nc4]

13.Bxf5+- exf5? 5.88/20

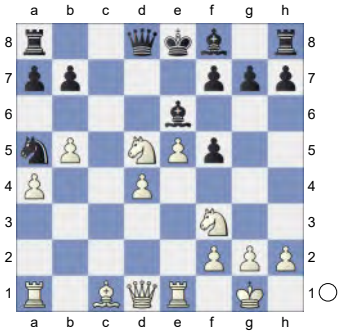
[13...Be7 2.98/19 14.Bd3 Qc7]

14.Nxd5 Qd8 15.a4? 2.19/18

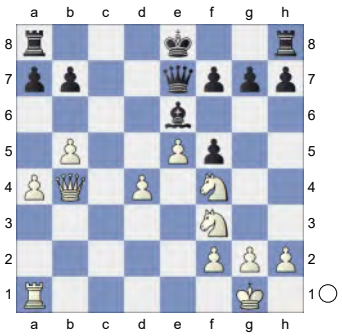
[15.Bg5 5.92/19 Qb8 16.Qc1]

15...Be6

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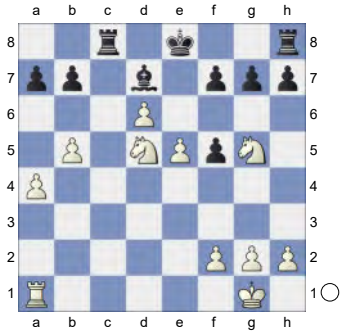


16.Nf4 Pair of Knights! **16...Bb4 17.Bd2 Bxd2 18.Qxd2**
[Not 18.Nxd2 Qxd4 19.Nxe6 fxe6±]
18...Nb3 19.Qb4 0.94/21
[Much less strong is 19.Nxe6?! Nxd2 20.Nxd8 Nxf3+ 21.gxf3 Rxd8±]
[19.Qb2+- 1.99/20 and White stays clearly on top. Nxa1 20.d5 Bxd5 21.Rd1]
19...Nxa1± 20.Rxa1 aiming for d5!
20...Qe7 1.62/21
[20...Bd5± 0.98/20 is a better defense.]

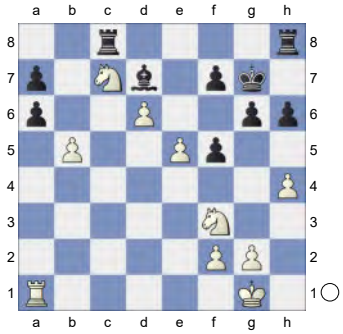


21.Qxe7+ Kxe7 22.d5 Bd7 23.d6+ White has strong compensation.
23...Kd8 24.Ng5↑ White is pushing.
24...Ke8 1.51/20
[Black should play 24...Be8!± 0.69/21]
25.Nd5 0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **25...Rc8**

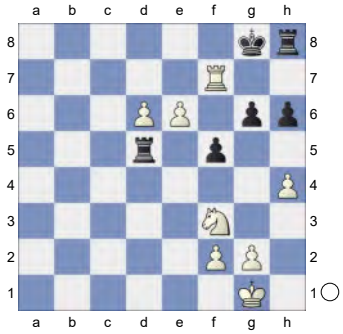
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26.Nc7+! Kf8 2.74/21
[⌓26...Rxc7 1.68/22 27.dxc7 Ke7]
27.h4 h6 28.Nf3 g6 29.a5 Kg7 30.a6 bxa6

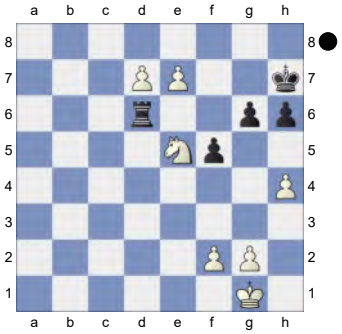


31.Rxa6 Rb8 32.Rxa7 e6 is the strong threat. **32...Bxb5 33.Nxb5?** 0.90/20
[33.Ne6++- 3.99/21 Kg8 34.Ned4]
33...Rxb5+- Endgame KRR-KRN **34.e6 Rd5?** 16.87/22
[34...Kf6± 1.17/21]
35.Rxf7+ Kg8



36.d7 Intending Ne5! and mate. **36...Rd6 37.Ne5** White mates. **37...Rh7 38.Rxh7 Kxh7 39.e7**

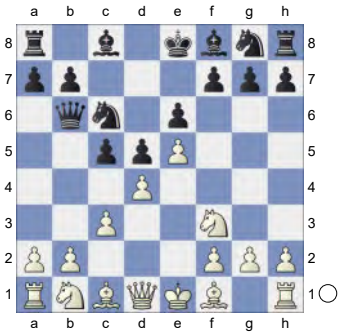
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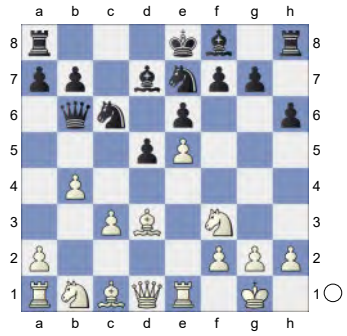
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45 **C02**
□ **exhausted10** **2829**
■ **RoDrick_City** **2714**
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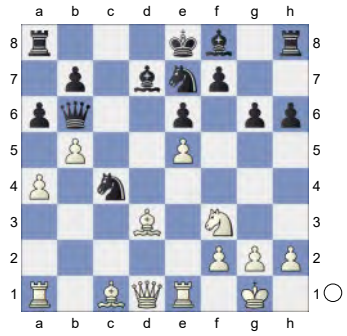
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 h6 1.42/22
[8...a5± 0.55/20 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Bf4 Nge7 12.Nbd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 Bc6 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Re1 Ng6 16.Bg3 0-0 17.h4 Rfc8 18.h5 Nf8 19.h6 g6 20.Qd2 Bd8 21.Qf4 Bb5 22.Bb1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rc8 1-0 (29) Willow,J (2454)-Verma,S (2191) London Classic op 14th 2024 (3)]
[8...Qc7 9.Re1 Nge7 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Nbd4 a6 14.h4 f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Bf4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.cxd4 f5 19.Rac1 Qa5 20.Qe3 Rfc8 21.Qg3 Kf7 22.Qb3 Bb5 23.a3 1-0 (34) Grischuk,A (2764)-Moskalenko,A (2514) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Jan blitz 2022 (6)]
9.b4± Bf8N
[9...Be7 10.Na3 a6 11.b5 axb5 12.Nxb5 Bc5 13.Rb1 Qd8 14.Be3 Be7 15.Bb6 Qc8 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.Nxa8 Qxa8 18.Qb3 f6 19.Bc7 1-0 Pigg,H-Jagodzinska,H Saint Petersburg 63/220 1995]
10.Re1 Nge7

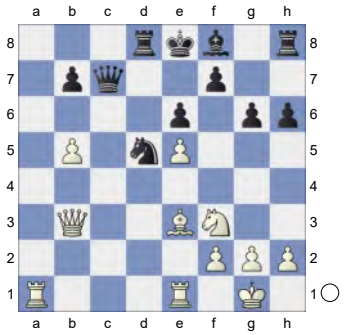


White is clearly better. **11.a4 a6 12.Na3 g6 13.b5 Na5 14.c4 dxc4 15.Nxc4** 0.51/18
[15.Bxc4± 1.09/21 Nf5 16.Bd3]
15...Nxc4±

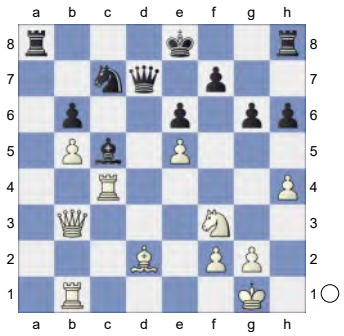


16.Bxc4 axb5 1.12/22
[16...Qc7!± 0.42/19 17.Qb3 axb5

18.Bxb5 Nd5]
17.Be3± Deflection **17...Qc7 18.Bxb5** 0.19/24 White is much more active.
[Only move: 18.axb5± 1.30/23 Rxa1 19.Qxa1]
18...Bxb5 19.axb5 Rd8 20.Qb3 b5-b6 would now be deadly. **20...Nd5**

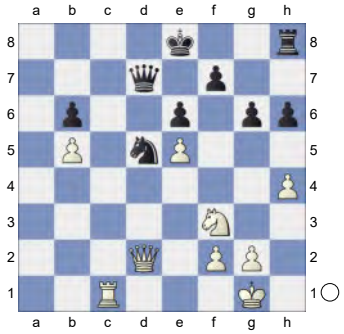


21.Bd2 Bc5 22.Rac1 -0.50/19
[22.h4= 0.07/19]
22...b6 0.23/20
[22...Qb6∓ -0.50/19 23.Rf1 Ra8]
23.Rc4 Qd7 24.h4 Nc7 0.53/20
[24...Kf8= 0.12/20]
25.Rb1!± Ra8

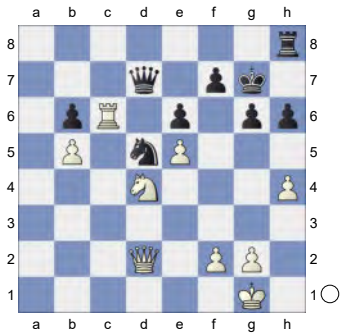


26.Be3 Bxe3 27.Qxe3 Nd5 28.Qd2 Rc8 29.Rxc8+ Qxc8 30.Rc1 Qd7 1.32/25
[30...Qa8± 0.36/21]

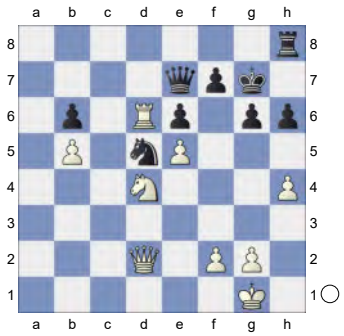
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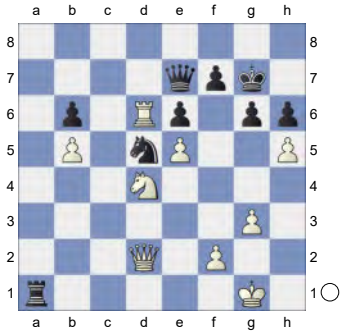
31.Rc6 0.94/23
[⌓31.Ra1 1.32/25 Ra1-a8+ is the strong threat. Qb7 32.Nd4]
31...Kf8 32.Nd4 0.38/23
[32.h5!± 0.99/23 gxh5 33.Nd4]
32...Kg7 0.99/23
[32...h5!± 0.38/23]



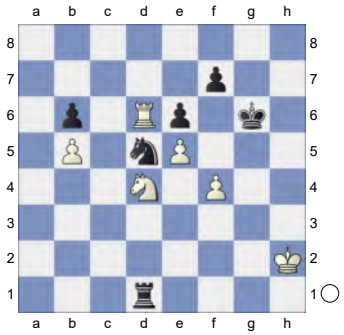
33.Rd6 0.58/19
[33.h5!± 0.99/23 Strongly threatening h5xg6. gxh5 34.f4]
33...Qe7



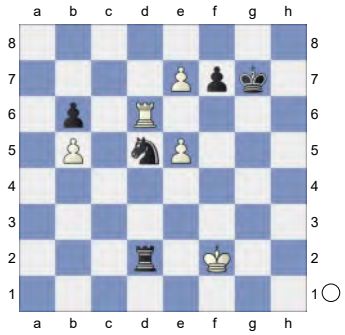
34.h5! Ra8 (-> ...Ra8-a1+) **35.g3** Threatens to win with h5xg6. **35...Ra1+** 0.88/26
[35...Qg5± 0.48/24 36.Qxg5 hxg5]



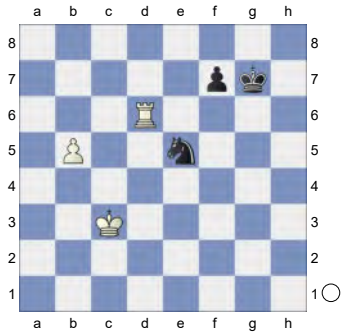
36.Kh2 0.52/22
[36.Kg2± 0.88/26 Hoping for h5xg6. Qb7 37.Rc6]
36...Qg5 37.Qxg5 hxg5 38.hxg6 -0.12/24
[White should try 38.Rd7± 0.48/25 gxh5 39.Nxe6+ Kg6 40.Nxg5 Kxg5 41.Rxd5]
38...Kxg6 Endgame. KRN-KRN **39.f4** -1.30/19 **gxf4** -0.03/21
[Black should play 39...Ra2+∓ -1.30/19 40.Kg1 gxf4 41.gxf4 Nxf4 42.Rxb6 Ne2+ 43.Nxe2 Rxe2]
40.gxf4= Rd1



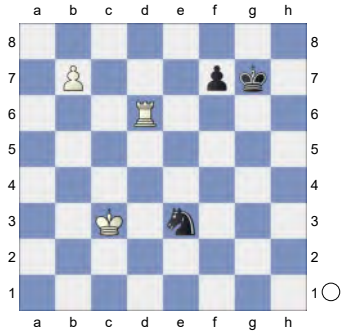
41.f5+ Kg7 42.fxe6 Rd2+ 0.63/24
[42...Rxd4= -0.03/21 43.Rd7 Kf8 *(43...Rd2+ 44.Kg3∓)* 44.exf7 Rd3]
43.Kg3 0.00/25
[Better is 43.Kh3!± 0.63/24 Rd3+ *(43...Rxd4?* is the wrong capture. *44.e7+-)* 44.Kg2 fxe6 *(44...Rxd4? 45.e7+-)* 45.Nxe6+ Kf7 46.Kf2]
43...Rxd4 KRN-KR **44.e7** -3.97/16
[44.Rxb6= 0.00/25 and White has nothing to worry. fxe6 *(44...Nxb6?* loses. *45.e7+-)* 45.Rxe6]
44...Rd3+?? 6.27/19
[44...Nxe7-+ -3.97/16 45.Rxb6 Nf5+ 46.Kf2 Re4]
45.Kf2 White is clearly winning.
45...Rd2+



46.Ke1 Nxe7 47.Kxd2+- KR-KN
47...Ng6 48.Rxb6 Nxe5 49.Kc3 Nf3 50.Rd6 Ne5



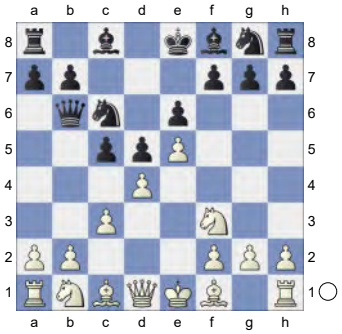
51.b6 White wants to mate with b6-b7.
51...Ng4 52.b7 Ne3



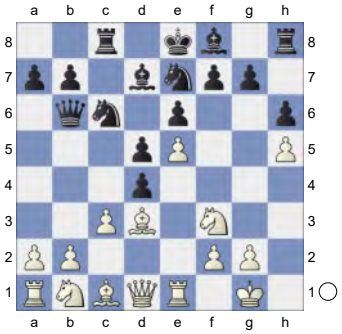
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46 **C02**
□ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2823**
■ **killed_out** **2599**
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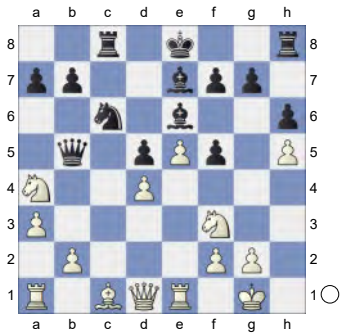
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



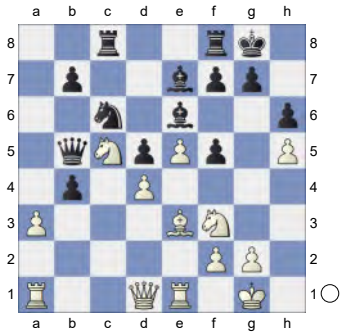
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1
White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4**
The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5 Rc8**



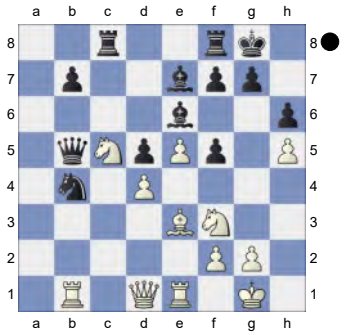
11.a3 Nf5 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.cxd4 Be6 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Na4N
[15.Ne2 Na5 16.b4 Nc4 17.Qd3 a5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.Ng3 g6 20.Rb1 b6 21.Re2 Qa4 22.Rc2 Qd7 23.Qe2 g5 24.Rc3 f4 25.Nf1 Bf5 26.Ra1 0-0 27.N1d2 b5 28.Nb3 b4 29.axb4 0-1 Escalona Landi,S (2286)-Christie,J (2201) Caribean-chT 24th 2023 (7.1)]
15...Qb5
(Diagram)



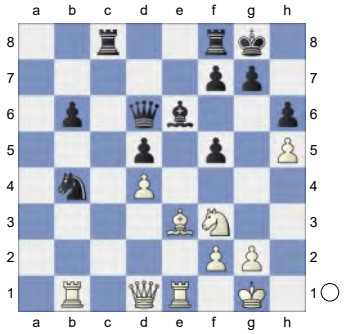
16.Nc3 Qb6 17.Na4 Qb5 18.b4 0-0 19.Be3 a5 20.Nc5 axb4



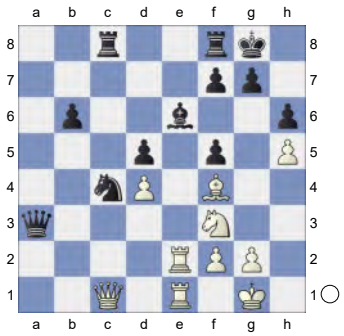
21.axb4 Nxb4 22.Rb1



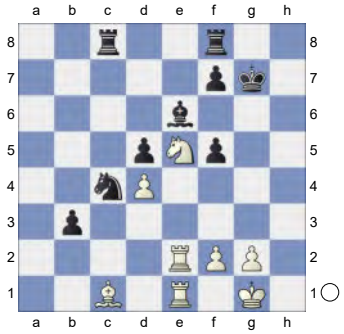
aiming for Be3-d2. **22...b6** **23.Nb7** -1.02/22
[White should play 23.Nxe6∓ -0.32/21 fxe6 24.Qd2]
23...Qc6 -0.52/19
[23...Qd7∓ -1.02/22 24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.exd6 Nc2 *(25...Qxd6 26.Qd2=)*]
24.Nd6∓ Bxd6 25.exd6 Qxd6 0.24/22
[25...Nc2∓ -0.63/24 26.Re2 Na3]
(Diagram)



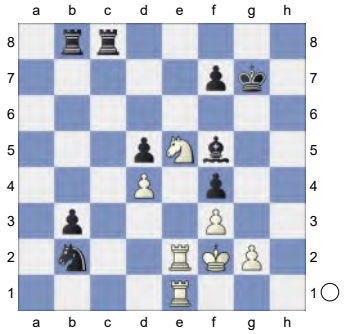
26.Qd2= Hoping for Be3-f4! **26...Nc2!**
27.Bf4 -1.17/24
[27.Bxh6!= 0.00/23 f6 *(27...gxh6 28.Qxh6 Qd7 29.Ng5±; 27...Nxe1 28.Qg5 Nxf3+ 29.gxf3 g6 30.Qf6)* 28.Re2 gxh6 29.Rc1 *(29.Qxh6 Rc7=)*]
27...Qe7 -0.27/24
[27...Qd7∓ -1.17/24 28.Ne5 Qa4]
28.Re2 Na3 29.Rbe1 -1.75/23
[29.Rxb6= -0.30/22 and White stays safe. Nc4 30.Qb4 Qxb4 31.Rxb4]
29...Nc4 30.Qc1 -2.09/22
[30.Qd3∓ -1.45/21]
30...Qa3? -0.12/25
[30...Ne5-+ -2.09/22 31.Qe3 Nxf3+ 32.Qxf3 Rfe8 33.Qxd5 Red8 34.Qxf5 Rxd4]



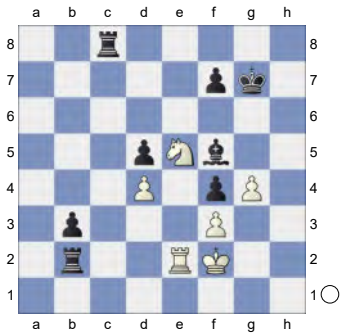
31.Bxh6 Qxc1 32.Bxc1 b5↑
Black has good play. **33.h6 b4**
34.hxg7! Kxg7 35.Ne5 -1.48/23
[35.Bf4!∓ -0.34/19]
35...b3
(Diagram)



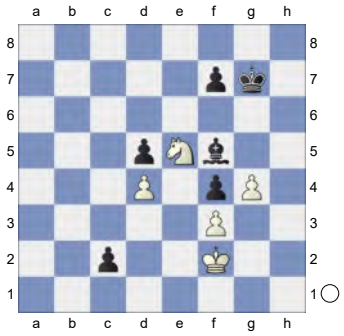
36.Nd3 Rb8 -1.26/18
[Black should try 36...Rc6-+ -1.72/20 37.Ne5 Nxe5 38.Rxe5 Rfc8]
37.Bb2 -1.81/21
[37.Bf4∓ -1.26/18 might work better.]
37...Rfc8 -1.20/17
[37...Ra8-+ -1.81/21 38.Bc3 Rfb8]
38.Ne5? -2.82/22
[38.f3∓ -1.20/17]
38...f4-+ 39.f3? -4.96/23
[39.Nxc4 -2.43/20 was the only defense. Rxc4 40.g3]
39...Bf5 -2.61/18
[⌓39...Nxb2 -4.96/23 40.Rxb2 Bf5]
40.Kf2? -7.39/21
[40.Nxc4 -2.61/18 Rxc4 *(40...dxc4 41.Rc1∓)* 41.Kh1]
40...Nxb2



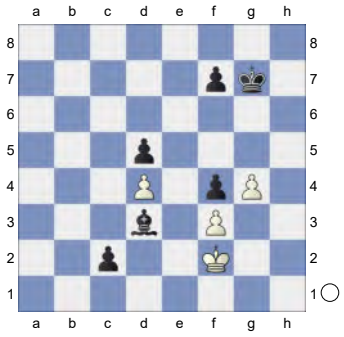
41.Rxb2 Rc2+ 42.Re2 Rbc8? -0.02/19
[42...f6-+ -7.29/20 43.Ng4 Bd3 Pin 44.Rexc2 bxc2 45.Rxc2 Bxc2]
43.g4? -62.13/21
[43.Rxb3= -0.02/19 f6 44.Nd3 Bxd3 45.Rxd3]
43...Rxb2



Remove Defender **44.Rxb2 Rc2+ 45.Rxc2 bxc2**



46.Nd3 Bxd3

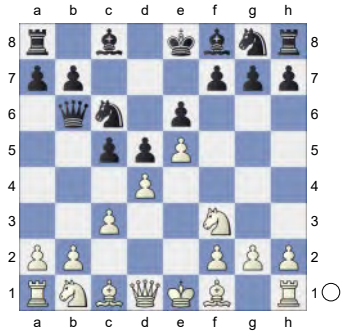


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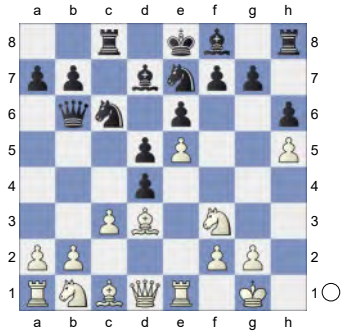
47 **C02**
□ **Laezee** **2881**
■ **FrenchKingD0M** **2837**
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C02: French: Advance Variation

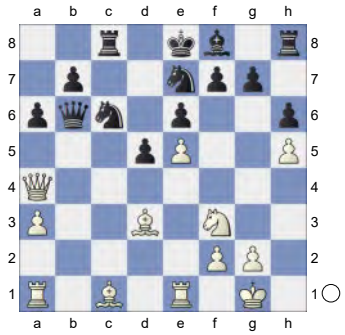
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1
White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4**
The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**



11.a3 a6 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4!
Discovered Attack **14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6**



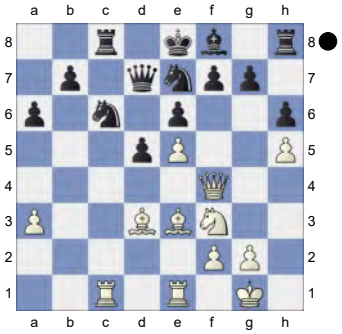
16.Be3
[16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4 21.g3 Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc4 26.Bc3 f6 27.Bd4 Kf7 28.Nh4 e5 29.Ng6 Rg8 30.Bf2 Bd6 1-0 (55) Zhigalko,S (2572)-Galchenko,M (2438) Titled Tue

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16...Qc7N

[16...Qa5 17.Qg4 Qc7 18.Qg3 Nf5 19.Bxf5 exf5 20.Rad1 Rd8 21.Nd4 Nxd4 22.Bxd4 Rg8 23.Rc1 Qb8 24.Bb6 Rc8 25.e6 Bd6 26.Rxc8+ Qxc8 27.exf7+ Kxf7 28.Qxd6 Re8 29.Qg6+ Kf8 30.Bc5+ Qxc5 31.Rxe8# 1-0 Dubreuil,J (2104)-Santos Flores,A (2230) Titled Tuesday intern op 21st Jan Late blitz 2025 (3)]

17.Rac1 Qd7 ...Nc6xe5! would now be deadly. **18.Qf4**

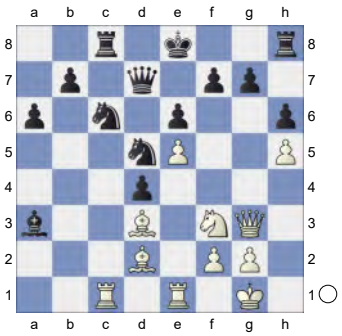


d4 0.46/8 **19.Bd2** -0.12/17

[19.Nxd4 Nd5 20.Qg3 Nxe3 21.Nxc6 Qxd3∓ *(21...Rxc6 22.Rxc6 Qxc6 23.Rxe3=)*]

[19.Bxd4± 0.46/8 Nxd4 20.Nxd4]

19...Nd5= 20.Qg3 Bxa3



21.Qxg7 -0.94/17

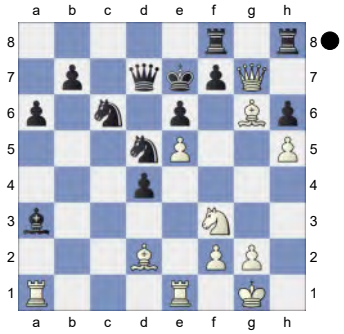
[21.Rxc6= -0.12/17 bxc6 *(21...Rxc6 22.Qxg7 Rf8 23.Ra1=)* 22.Qxg7 *(22.Nxd4? Ne7-+)*]

21...Ke7!∓ 22.Bg6 Rcf8 0.72/4

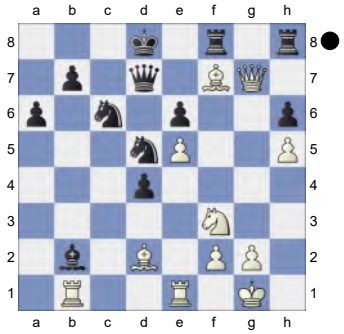
[22...Bxc1∓ -0.67/13 keeps the upper hand. 23.Bxc1 Rcf8 *(23...Rcg8 24.Qxf7+ Kd8 25.Kh1∓)*]

23.Ra1? -0.84/11

[23.Rxc6!± 0.72/4 and life is bright. Threatens to win with Rc6-d6! bxc6 24.Bxf7 *(24.Nxd4 Rhg8∓; 24.Bxh6 Kd8∓)*]

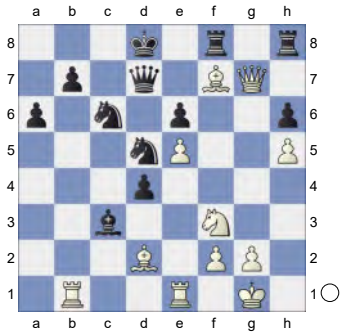


23...Bb2! 24.Bxf7 -3.41/4 **Kd8-+ 25.Rab1**



Bc3

[25...Qxf7 26.Qxf7 Rxf7 27.Rxb2=]



26.Bxh6 Black must now prevent Nf3-g5! **26...Qxf7**

[26...Rxf7? 27.Qxh8+ Kc7 28.Re4+-]

27.Ng5 Qxg7

[27...Qxh5 28.Nxe6+ Ke8 29.Rxb7= *(29.Qxf8+ Rxf8 30.Ng7+ Kf7=)*]

28.Bxg7 Bxe1

[28...Rxh5 29.Nxe6+ Ke8 30.Bxf8 *(30.Nxf8? Bxe1 31.Rxe1 Kf7-+)* 30...Bxe1 *(30...Rxe5 31.Rxe5 Nxe5 32.Rxb7+-)* 31.Rxe1-+]

29.Bxf8 Bxf2+

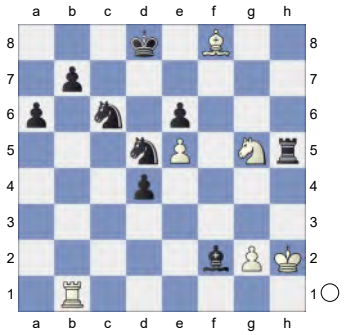
[Worse is 29...Nxe5 30.Rxe1 Nd3 31.Nxe6+ Kd7 32.Nc5+ Nxc5 33.Bxc5 Rxh5 34.Bxd4=]

[Don't take 29...Rxh5 30.Nxe6+ Kd7 31.Nxd4 Nxd4 *(31...Rxe5? 32.Rxb7+ Nc7 33.Nf3-+)* 32.Rxe1]

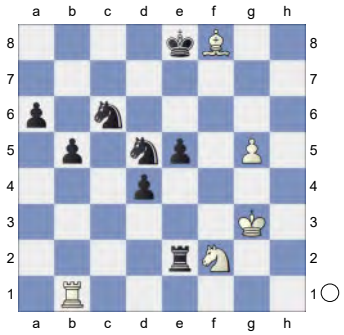
30.Kh2 -7.86/18

[⌓30.Kxf2 -4.32/16 Rxf8+ 31.Kg1]

30...Rxh5+



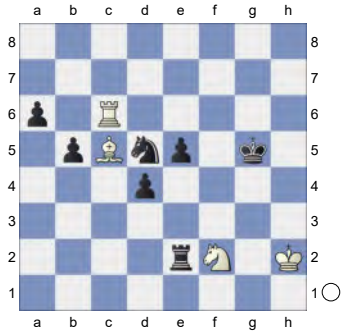
31.Nh3 b5 32.g4 Rxe5 33.Nxf2 Re2 34.Kg3 e5 35.g5 Ke8



36.Bc5 Kf7 37.Rh1 Kg6

[37...Re3+? 38.Kg4-+]

38.Rh6+ Kxg5 39.Rxc6 Re3+ 40.Kh2 Re2



41.Kg3 Re3+ 42.Kh2 Nf4? -0.09/9

[42...Kf4-+ -3.36/20 Strongly threatening ...Kf4-f3. 43.Kg2 Rb3 44.Rxa6 Ne3+ 45.Kg1 Rb1+ 46.Kh2 Kf3 47.Rf6+ Ke2]

43.Be7+= Kh5 44.Bf8 -1.33/9

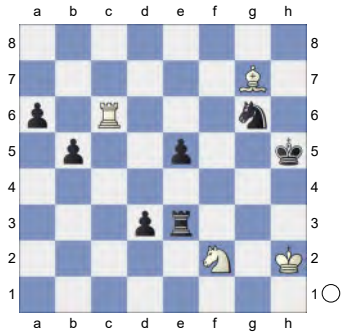
[44.Bf6= -0.09/19]

44...Ng6 -0.22/20

[44...Re2∓ -1.33/9 45.Kg3 Re3+ 46.Kh2 Rf3]

45.Bg7 d3 -0.08/20

[45...a5∓ -0.44/20 46.Rc5 a4 47.Rxb5 Re2]



46.Nh3? -4.65/19

[46.Rd6= -0.08/20]

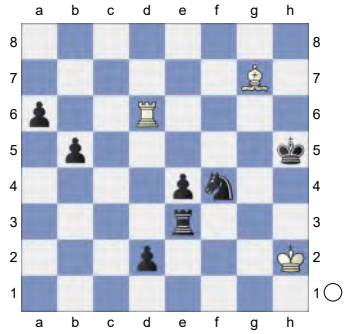
46...d2-+ 47.Rd6 Re2+ -0.25/17

[47...Nh4-+ -4.75/22 48.Ng1 Nf5 49.Rxd2 Nxg7]

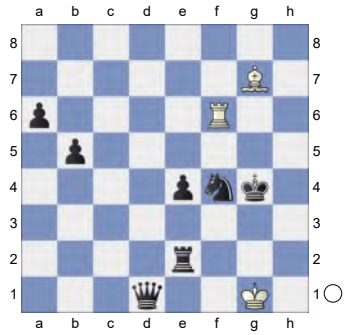
48.Kg3= Re3+ 49.Kh2 e4? -0.07/18

[Black should try 49...Nh4-+ -4.23/21 50.Ng1 Nf5 51.Rxd2 Nxg7]

50.Nf4+ -9.41/23 **Nxf4-+**



51.Rh6+ Kg4 Black mates. **52.Rf6 Re2+ 53.Kg1 d1Q#**

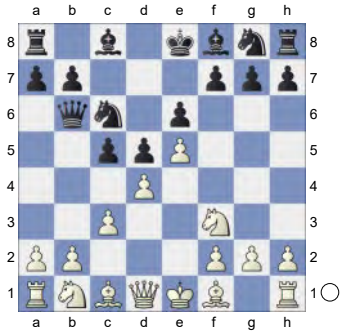


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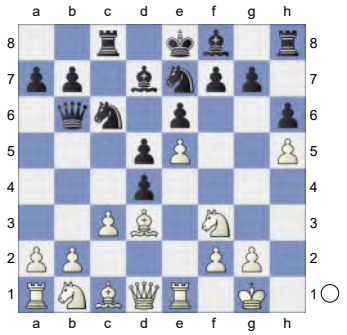
48 **C02**
☐ **SexDrugsRnR** **2597**
■ **chess_with_style** **2615**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

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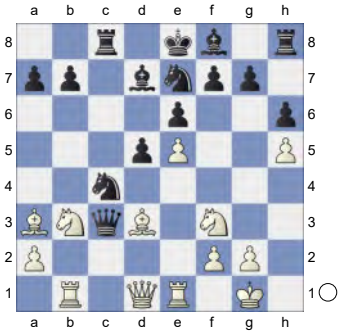


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**

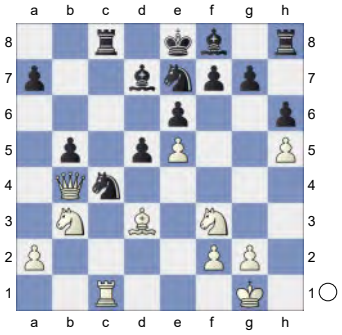


11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Ba3 Qxc3 15.Nb3 aiming for Rc1. **15...Nc4N** 0.50/21
[15...Nec6!∓ -0.40/21 16.Rc1 Qxe1+! 17.Qxe1 Bxa3 18.Rc2 Nxb3 19.axb3 0-0 20.Qe3 Be7 21.Nd4 Nb4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bb1 a5 24.Nf3 a4 25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Kh2 b5 27.Qa7 Bf8 28.Qd7 Ra8 29.Nd4 Bd1 30.f3 Bc5 31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 Guo,A (2432)-Ostrovskiy,A (2404) New York 2022 CBM 211 [Braun, Christian] 1-0 (35) 33.Qg6 Bc2 34.Bxc2 Nxc2 35.Qc6 1-0 (35) Quillan,G (2432)-Polgar,S (2404) Pardubice 2022 Chigorin-Salwe [Kotov: Erbe II, 58]]

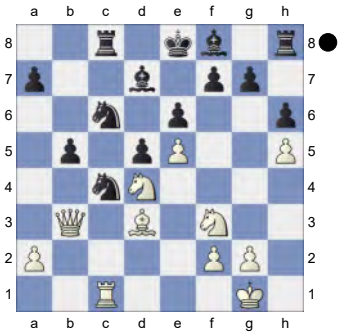
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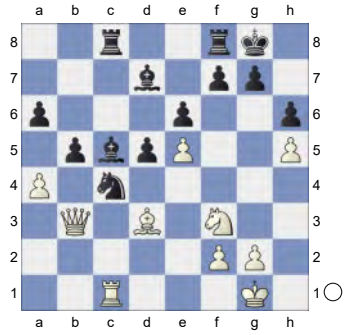
16.Rc1!± Nxa3 17.Rxc3 Rxc3 18.Qd2
[18.Nfd4!?]
18...Rc8 19.Rc1 -0.36/20
[19.Na5± 0.41/21]
19...Nc4∓ 20.Qb4 -0.50/26
[20.Qf4= 0.25/23]
20...b5



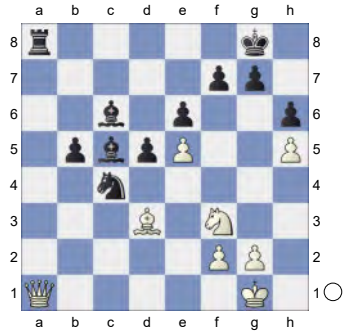
21.Nbd4 Nc6 22.Qb3



Nxd4! 23.Nxd4 a6 -0.69/20
[23...Bc5∓ -1.22/21 24.Nxb5 Nxe5 25.Rxc5 Rxc5 26.Nd6+ Ke7]
24.a4 -1.20/20
[Better is 24.Ne2∓ -0.69/20]
24...Bc5∓
[Weaker is 24...bxa4 25.Qb7]
[Don't take 24...Nxe5 25.Rxc8+ Bxc8 26.axb5±]
25.Nf3 0-0
[But not 25...bxa4? 26.Qb7-+]

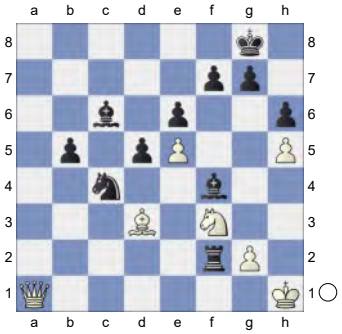


26.axb5 axb5 27.Ra1 -1.78/20
[27.Bb1∓ -0.67/22]
27...Ra8-+ 28.Qb1 -2.66/23
[⌓28.Qd1 -1.81/20]
28...Bc6 29.Qc1 Rxa1 30.Qxa1 Ra8

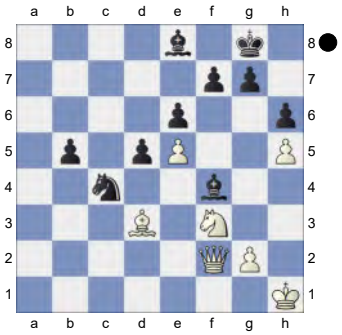


31.Qc1 Ra3 32.Bf1 -4.50/23
[32.Bb1 -2.37/21 is a better defense.]
32...Ra2 33.Kh1 Rxf2 34.Bd3 Be3? -1.38/22
[34...Ra2-+ -3.52/21 Hoping for ... Ra3. 35.Bh7+ Kf8]
35.Qa1∓ And now Qa6 would win.
35...Bf4?? 8.85/25
[35...Nb2-+ -2.32/23 36.Bb1 Nc4]

(Diagram)



36.Qa6 White threatens Qc8+ and mate. White is clearly winning. **36...Be8 37.Qc8 Kf8 38.Qc5+ Kg8 39.Qxf2**

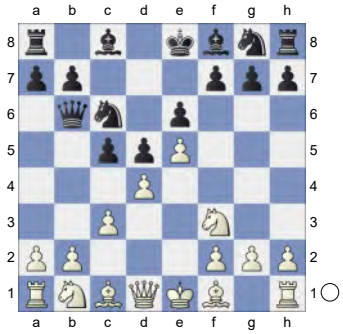


What a bad dream for Black.
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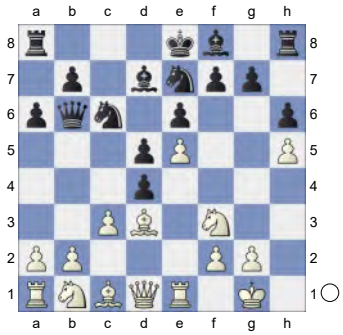
49 **C02**
☐ **Samarqand2021** **2813**
■ **Herushkanamura** **2903**
Blitz 25.09.2022
[Kitty Kat]

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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...a6 9.h4** -0.53/20
[9.Nbd2= 0.22/18]
9...h6 0.18/21
[9...dxc3∓ -0.53/20 10.bxc3 Bc5]
10.h5 -0.53/21
[10.Nbd2= 0.18/21]
10...Nge7 0.33/22
[10...dxc3∓ -0.53/21 11.bxc3 Bc5]



11.Nbd2± dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.c4
[13.Nb3 Nc8 14.Bf4 Na5 15.Nxa5 Qxa5 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Rab1 Rc8 18.Qe2 Na4 19.Bd2 Qc7 20.Qe3 b5 21.Rbc1 Nb2 22.Nd4 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Qc4 24.Qg3 Qxa2 25.Be3 Qc4 26.f4 Qd3 27.f5 Rxc3 0-1 (39) Schmidt,M (2113)-Tiglon,B (2509) GRENKE Chess Open 2024 (1.41)]
13...Na5N
[13...Nb4 14.Bf1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Ned5 16.Bb2 Bc5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qc5 22.a3 Nc6

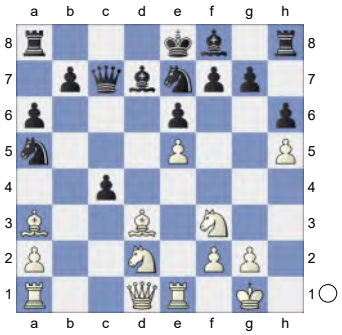
23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.Rc1 Qxd6 26.exd6 Bxb7 27.Qb2 Ba8 28.Bxa6 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Terry,R (2520) Titled 3th Jun Early 2023 (11)]

14.Ba3 -0.15/20

[White should try 14.cxd5± 0.49/20 Nxd5 15.Bb2]

14...dxc4 0.38/21

[Better is 14...Nxc4= -0.15/20 15.Bxc4 dxc4]

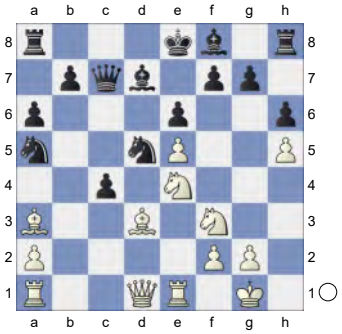


15.Ne4 -0.31/20

[White should play 15.Bd6!± 0.38/21 Qc6 16.Rc1]

15...Nd5 0.62/22

[15...Nf5∓ -0.31/20 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 *(16...Rxf8 17.g4=)*]



16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 -0.24/20

[17.Bxd6± 0.55/24 Qd8 18.Be4]

17...Qd8= 18.Be4

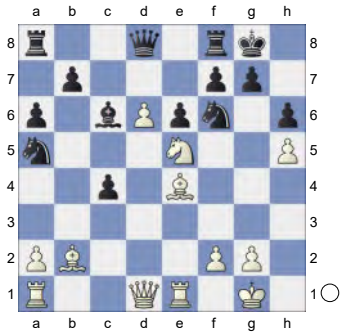
[18.Bf5 is interesting. 0-0 19.Ne5 Nc3 20.Qc1]

18...Nf6 19.Bb2 0-0 20.Ne5 -0.81/19

[20.Rc1∓ -0.42/18]

20...Bc6? 0.88/21

[20...Nxe4!∓ -0.81/19 stays on course. 21.Rxe4 Nc6 22.Nxc6 Bxc6]



21.Bc2 Re1-e3 would now be deadly.

21...Bd5 1.34/22

[21...Nd5!± 0.56/18]

22.Bc3? -0.40/20 A strong pair of Bishops.

[22.Re3!± 1.34/22]

22...Nc6∓ 23.Ng4? -2.43/19

[23.Re3!∓ -0.62/19]

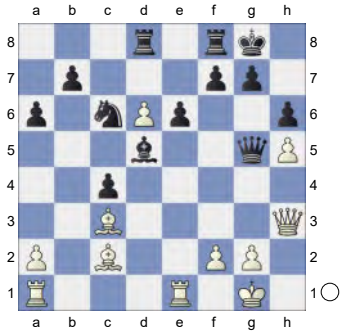
23...Nxg4!-+

[23...Nxh5? 24.Nxh6+ gxh6 25.Qxh5+-]

24.Qxg4 Qg5

[24...Qxd6 25.Qxg7#]

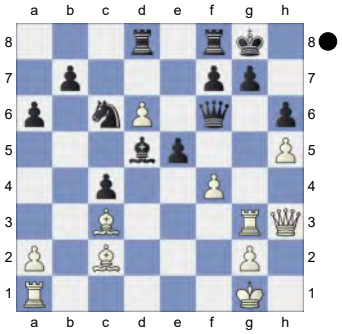
25.Qh3 Rad8



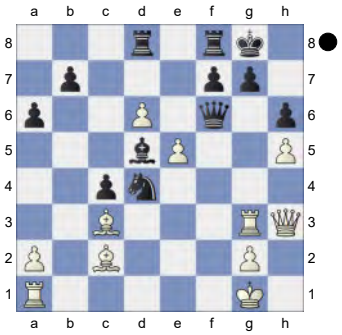
26.Re3 Hoping for Re3-g3. **26...e5**

[26...Rxd6? 27.Rg3 f6 28.Rxg5 hxg5 29.Rd1+-]

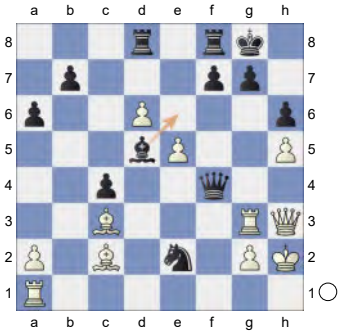
27.Rg3 Qf6 ...Nc6-d4! is the strong threat. **28.f4?** -3.10/20



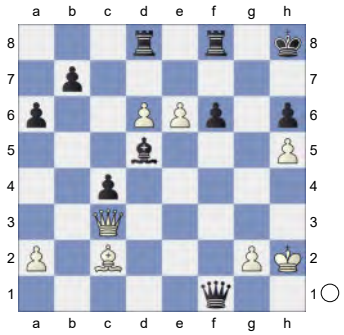
This move loses the game for White.
28...Nd4!
[28...Qxf4? too greedy. 29.Rf1 Be6 30.Qh2+-]
[28...Rxd6? 29.fxe5 Nxe5 30.Rf1+-]
[Worse is 28...Qxd6 29.Qf5 Rfe8 *(29...Qc5+? 30.Kh2+-)* 30.Qh7+ Kf8 31.Rd1 *(31.Qxg7+ Ke7∓; 31.Rxg7 Ke7=)* 31...Qc5+ 32.Kh2=]
29.fxe5



Ne2+!
[29...Qxe5? perishes. 30.Re1+-]
30.Kh2 Qf4



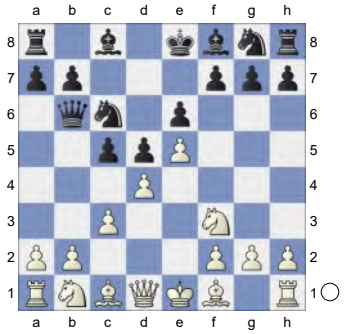
Strongly threatening ...Bd5-e6! Pin
31.Rf1 -7.60/20
[⌓31.Qg4 -4.02/19 Qxg4 Deflection *(31...Qxg3+? 32.Qxg3 Nxg3 33.Kxg3-+)* 32.Rxg4 Nxc3 33.Rg3]
31...Qxf1 Black is clearly winning.
32.Rxg7+ Kxg7 33.e6+ Nxc3 34.Qg3+ Kh8 (-> ...Nc3-e2) **35.Qxc3+ f6**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=0.68
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50 **C02**
□ **Crimean_hunter** **2538**
■ **notkevich** **2749**
Blitz 20.08.2024
[Kitty Kat]

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6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 a6 0.42/20
[7...Bd7= 0.01/19 8.Re1 a6 9.h4 Rc8 *(9...Nge7 10.Qe2 f6 11.exf6 gxf6 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qh5+ Kd8 14.cxd4 Qxd4 15.Bc2 Rc8 16.Nc3*

Rg8 17.Qxh7 Qg4 18.g3 d4 19.Bd1 Qg6 20.Qxg6 Nxg6 21.Ne4 Ke7 22.Kh2 Kf7 23.Bh5 Kg7 24.Bd2 4.f4 ♕a5 5.♗d2_38348 (2157)-Majoral Marco,J (2362) London 2023 1873 Vienna [John Watson] 0-1 (37)*)* 10.h5 h6 11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nb3 Nc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Nbd4 Ne7 17.Nh4 Nc6 18.Be3 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bc6 20.Qg4 Bd5 21.f4 Qe7 22.Rf1 Rg8 Gedajlovic,M (2403)-Nilsen,T (2219) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (31)]

8.cxd4± Bd7 9.Be2 White has an edge.

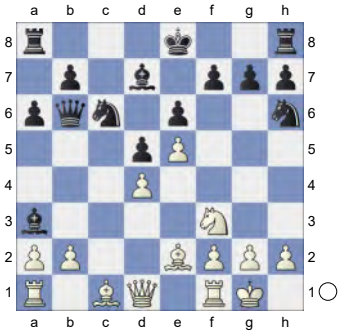
9...Nh6N 0.65/20

[Better is 9...Nge7= 0.14/20 10.Na3 Nf5 11.Nc2 Rc8 11. French Advance 4. c3-(46) Kooijmans vs. Ikonnikov]

10.Na3 -0.01/18

[10.Bxh6± 0.65/20 Qxb2 11.Nbd2! gxh6 12.Rb1 Qxa2 13.Rxb7]

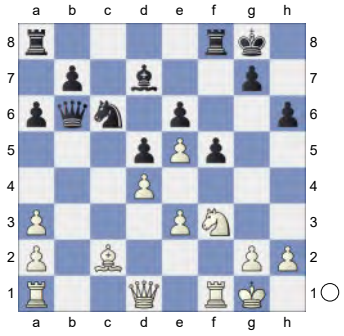
10...Bxa3=



11.bxa3 Nf5 12.Be3 0-0 13.Bd3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 h6 15.Bc2 f5 1.12/21

[15...Rac8= -0.19/20 keeps the balance.]

(Diagram)



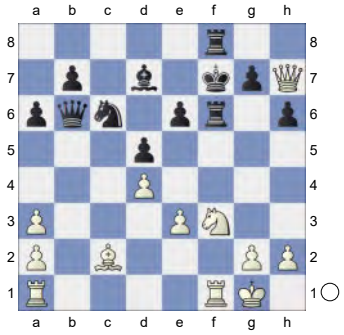
16.exf6!± Rxf6? 2.79/23

[16...gxf6± 1.27/21 17.Nh4 *(17.Qd3 f5=)* 17...f5]

17.Qd3+- Raf8? 7.36/26

[17...g6 2.84/22 18.Nh4 Raf8 19.Nxg6 Rxf1+ 20.Rxf1 Rf5]

18.Qh7+ Kf7



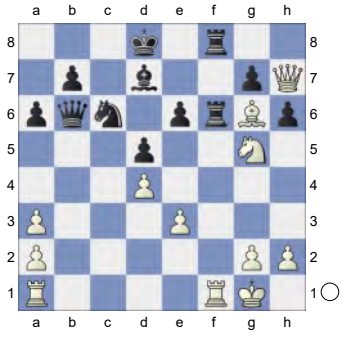
19.Ng5+! Ke8 Strongly threatening ... Rxf1+.

[19...hxg5 20.Rxf6+]

20.Bg6+ 2.61/23

[⌓20.Rxf6 4.65/24 gxf6 21.Rb1!]

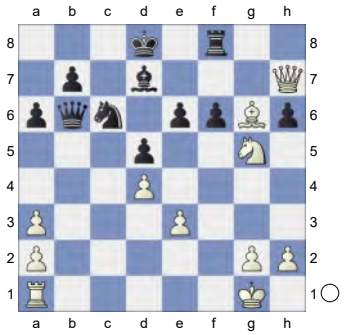
20...Kd8



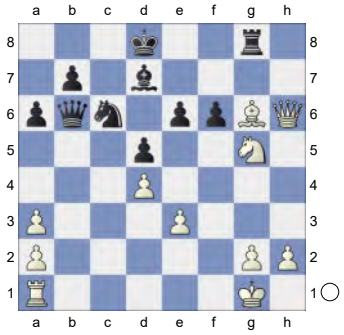
aiming for ...Rxf1+. **21.Rxf6 gxf6** 4.76/25

[21...Rxf6 2.30/26 was worth a try.

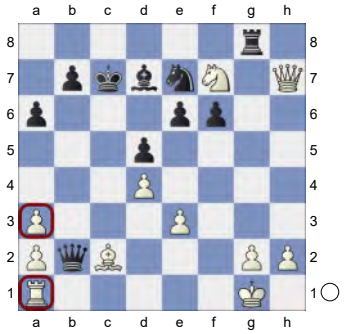
22.Qxg7 Rxg6 23.Nf7+ *(23.Qxg6 hxg5 24.Qxg5+ Ne7±)* 23...Kc7 24.Qxg6 Kb8]



22.Qxh6! Rg8
[22...fxg5 23.Qxf8+]

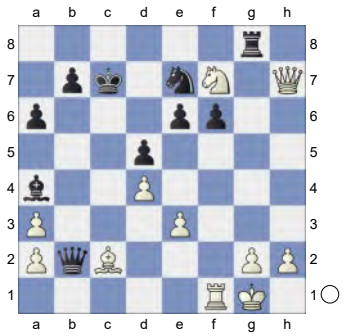


23.Qh7? 0.31/21 **Ne7± 24.Nf7+ Kc7 25.Bc2** next Nh6 is good for White.
25...Qb2

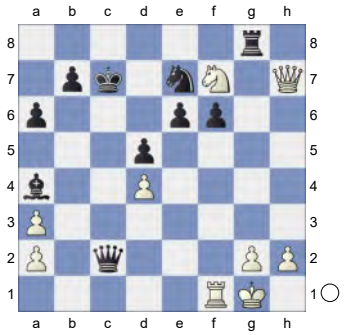


26.Rf1 -0.54/17
[26.Rb1= -0.06/22 might be stronger. Qxa3 27.Qh6]
26...Ba4? 5.33/19

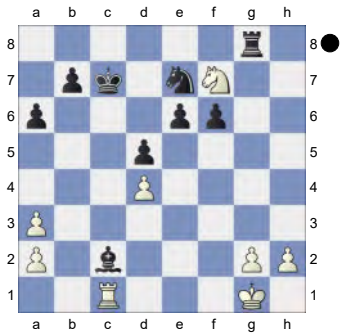
(Diagram)



27.Rf2?? -5.60/23
[27.Nh6!+- 5.33/19 is the narrow road to win. Rxg2+ *(27...Rd8 28.Qxe7+)* 28.Kxg2 Qxc2+ 29.Qxc2+ Bxc2 30.Rc1]
27...Qc1+-+ 28.Rf1 Qxe3+
[28...Qxc2 29.Qxc2+ Bxc2 30.Rc1∓]
29.Rf2 Qc1+
[Not 29...Bb5 30.g3∓]
30.Rf1 Qxc2

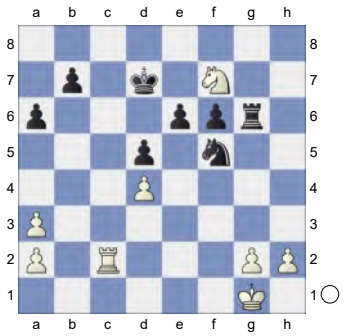


31.Qxc2+ Bxc2 32.Rc1

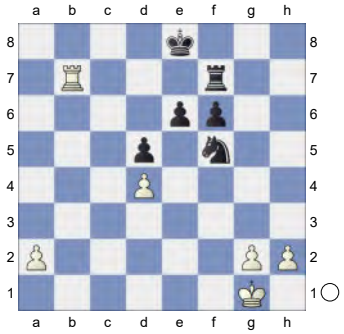


Rg7! 33.Rxc2+ Endgame KRN-KRN
33...Kd7 34.Nh6 Rg6 35.Nf7 Nf5

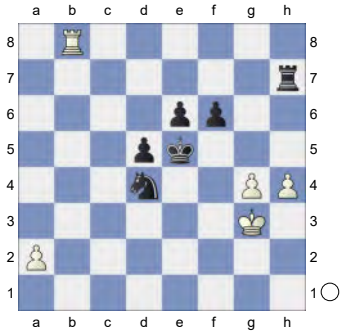
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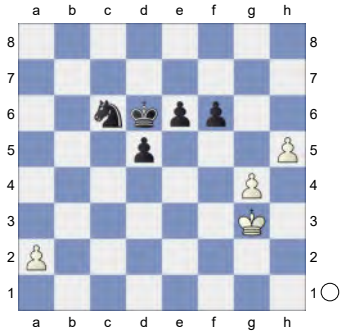
36.Rb2 b5 37.a4 Rg7 38.axb5 axb5
[Don't blunder 38...Rxf7? 39.bxa6 Kc6 40.Rd2-+]
39.Rxb5 Rxf7 KRN-KR **40.Rb7+ Ke8**



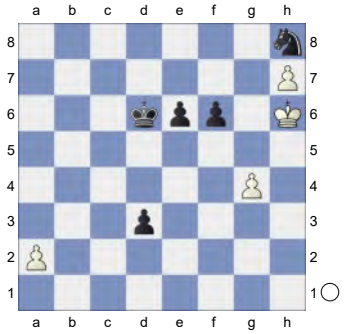
41.Rb8+ Ke7 42.g4 Black must now prevent Rb7+. **42...Nxd4 43.Kf2 Rh7??** 4.24/20
[43...Kd6-+ -7.21/21 and life is good for Black. 44.h4 Rg7]
44.Kg3?? -7.28/20
[44.Rb7++- 4.24/20 Kd8 45.Rxh7]
44...Kd6 45.h4 Ke5



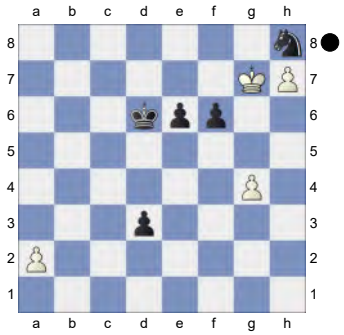
46.Ra8 Rb7 47.Ra3 Rc7 48.h5 Kd6 49.Ra6+ Rc6 50.Rxc6+ -9.78/25
[⌓50.Ra3 -5.05/19]
50...Nxc6
[Weaker is 50...Kxc6 51.h6 Ne2+ 52.Kf3 Ng1+ 53.Ke3 d4+ 54.Kd3=]



KN-K3P **51.h6 Ne7 52.Kh4 Ng6+ 53.Kh5 Nh8** And now ...d4 would win.
54.h7 d4 55.Kh6 d3

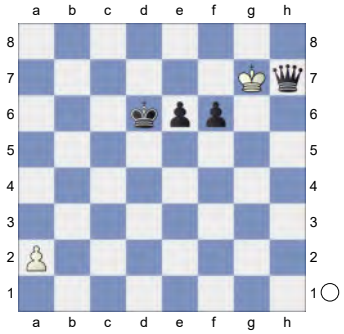


56.Kg7

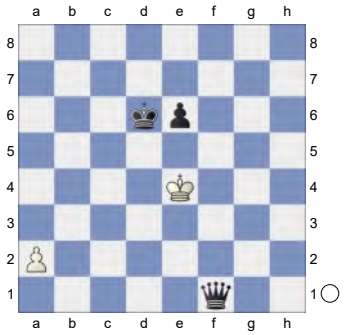


d2! 57.Kxh8 d1Q 58.Kg7 Qxg4+ 59.Kf7 Qh5+ 60.Kg7 Qxh7+

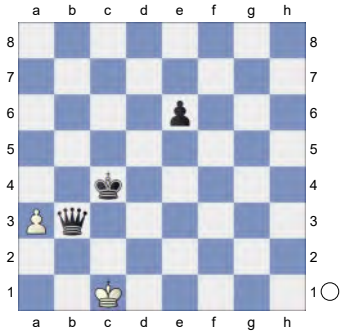
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61.Kxh7 KPP-KP **61...f5 62.Kg6 f4 63.Kg5 f3 64.Kf4 f2 65.Ke4 f1Q**

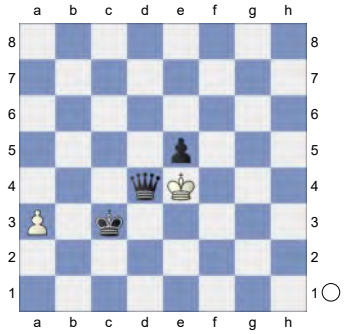


66.Kd4 Qb5 67.Kc3 Qa4 68.Kb2 Kc5 69.a3 Kc4 70.Kc1 Qb3

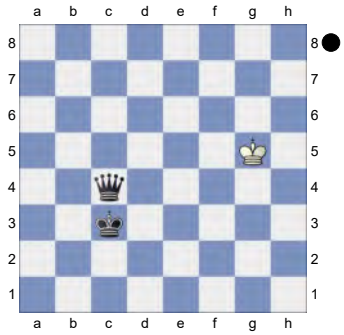


71.Kd2 Qd3+ -12.45/5
[⍝71...Qf3 -#4/10 72.a4 Qf2+ 73.Kd1 Kd3 74.Kc1 Qc2#]
72.Ke1 Kc3 Black mates. **73.Kf2 Qd2+ 74.Kf3 e5 75.Ke4 Qd4+**

(Diagram)



76.Kf5 Qa4 77.Ke6 Qxa3 78.Kxe5 Qb4 79.Kf5 Qc4 80.Kg5

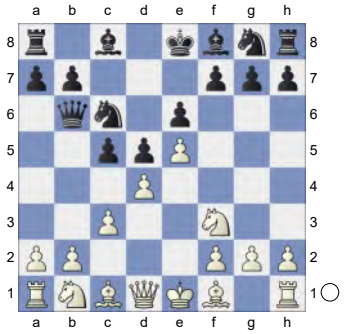


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51 **C02**
□ **jeromeovich** **2589**
■ **starbox2010** **2648**
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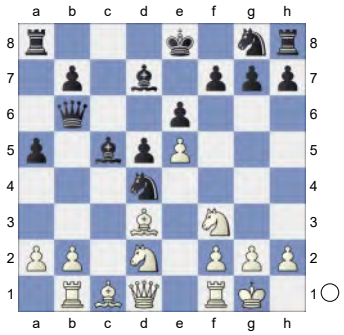
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.Rb1
[10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nf3 Ne7 *(11...Bc5 12.b4 Qxb4 13.Rb1 Qa4 14.Qxa4 Bxa4 15.Rxb7 Bb6 16.Ng5 Nh6 17.Ba3 Bd8 18.h4 a6 19.Rc1 Bd7 20.g3 Be7 21.Rcc7 Bxa3 22.Rxd7 0-0 23.Bxh7+ Kh8 24.Bd3 Ng4 25.Rxf7 Nxe5 26.Rxg7* Mason,D (2067)-Dignam,M (2057) Daventry 2023 ½-½ (34) *)* 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Re1 Nc6 14.Be3 Qxe5 15.Bc5 Qg5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Ba3 Nd4 18.Qb4 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Nxe1 20.Rxe1 Rc8 21.f4 Qh4 22.g3 Qd8 23.Qd6 Rc5 24.f5 Qc7 Neat,P (2374)-Bruce,R (2541) San Sebastian 2011 Telechess CBM 89 [Borg,Geoffrey D] 0-1 (56)]

10...a5N
[10...Bb5 11.b4 Bxd3 12.bxc5 Ne2+ 13.Qxe2 Qxb1 10. 6. Bd3 (the Milner-Barry -New mainline (9. Nbd2) 10. Rb]



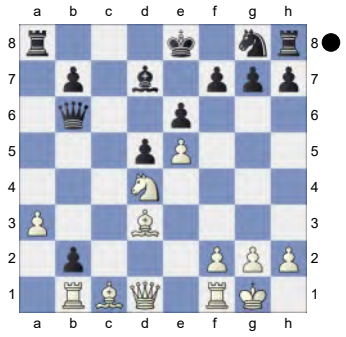
11.a3 -0.59/21
[11.Nxd4= -0.15/21 might be stronger. Bxd4 12.Nf3]

11...a4 0.01/20
[11...Bb5∓ -0.59/21 12.Bxb5+ Qxb5]

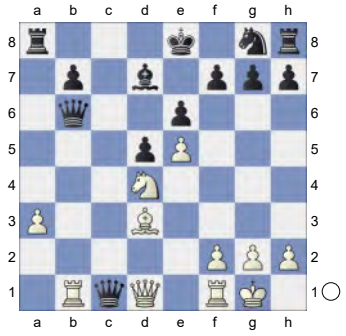
12.b3 axb3 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Nf3 -0.32/20
[14.Rxb3= 0.04/21 should be considered. Qc7 15.Nf3]

14...b2
[14...Bc5!? 15.Rxb3 Qa7∓]

15.Nxd4



Strongly threatening Be3. **15...bxc1Q** 0.08/24



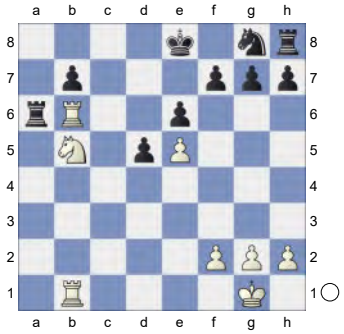
16.Rxb6=
[16.Qxc1 looks sharper. Qxd4 17.Rxb7 Rc8 18.Qg5]

16...Qxd1 17.Rxd1 Ra7 2.91/25
[17...Ne7± 0.44/22]

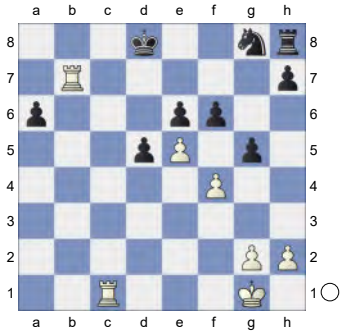
18.Rdb1 Rxa3? 4.54/25
[18...Ne7 2.26/23 19.Bb5 *(19.Rxb7 Rxb7 20.Rxb7 Kd8±)* 19...Ng6]

19.Bb5+- Bxb5? 5.80/24
[19...Ra8 3.36/26 was worth a try. 20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Rxb7+ Ke8]

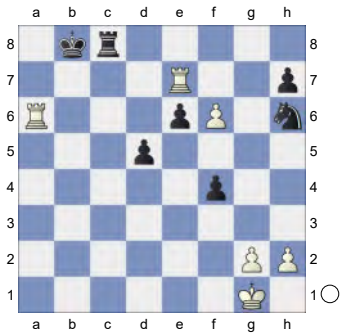
20.Nxb5 Ra6



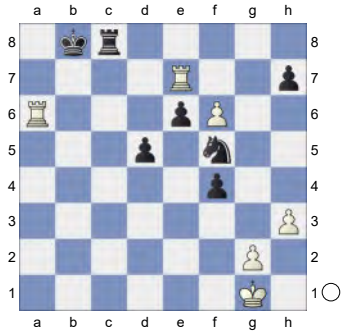
21.Nc7+ Kd7 22.Nxa6 bxa6 E n d g a m e K R R - K R N **23.Rc1** Intending Rb7+ and mate. **23...f6 24.f4** Rb7+ would kill now. **24...g5 25.Rb7+ Kd8**



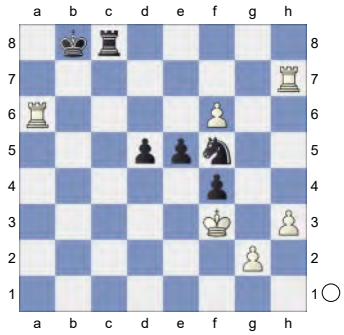
26.Ra1 7.43/24
[⌓26.Rb8+ #4/17 Kd7 27.Rbc8 fxe5 28.fxe5 h6 29.R1c7#]
26...Kc8 27.Rf7 gxf4 28.Rxa6 Kb8 Inhibits Ra8+. **29.exf6 Nh6 30.Re7 Rc8**



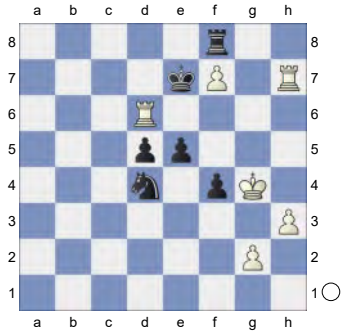
31.Rb6+ Ka8 32.Ra6+? 0.01/5
[32.h3+- 10.08/23 Nf5 33.Rexe6]
32...Kb8= 33.h3 Nf5 34.Rb6+ Ka8 35.Ra6+? 0.01/5
[35.Rbxe6+- 10.20/25 Kb8 36.Re8]
35...Kb8



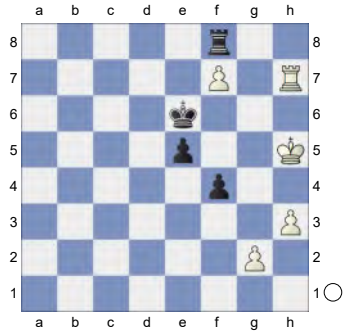
36.Rxh7 Ng3 (-> ...Rc1+) **37.Kf2 e5** 8.93/24
[⌓37...Ne4+ 4.07/22 38.Ke2 Nxf6]
38.Kf3 Nf5 39.Rb6+ 4.84/5
[⌓39.f7 10.64/26 Rf8 40.Rg6 Nh4+ 41.Rxh4 Rxf7 42.Rd6]
39...Ka8+- 40.Ra6+? 0.01/5
[40.Kg4+- 10.16/25]
40...Kb8=



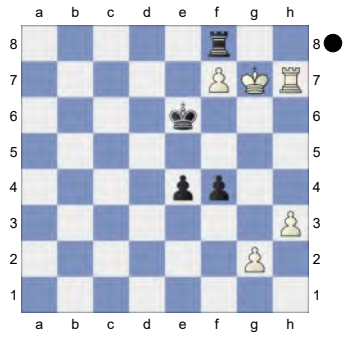
41.f7 Rf8 42.Rb6+ Kc8 43.Rf6 Nd4+ 44.Kg4 Kd8 45.Rd6+ Ke7



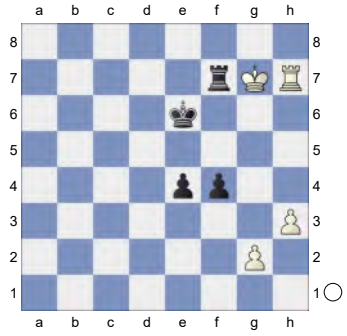
46.Rxd5 Ke6 47.Ra5 Kf6 48.Kh5 Ne6 49.Ra6 Kf5 50.Rxe6 Kxe6
(Diagram)



51.Kg6 -1.68/23
[51.Kg5+- 3.44/26 and life is good for White. e4 52.Kxf4]
51...e4-+ White must now prevent ...e3. Black has strong compensation.
52.Kg7? -#12/23
[52.Rh5-+ -1.64/25 Rxf7 53.Rb5]



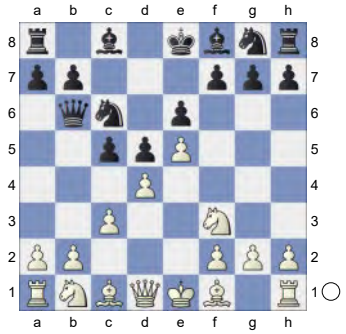
52...Rxf7+



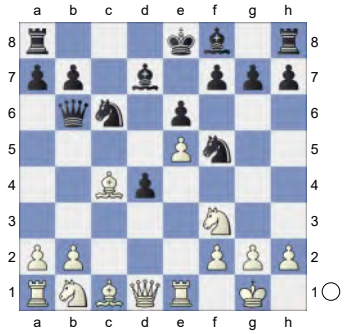
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52 **C02**
□ **fireheart92** **2870**
■ **FakeBruceLee** **2841**
Blitz 01.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



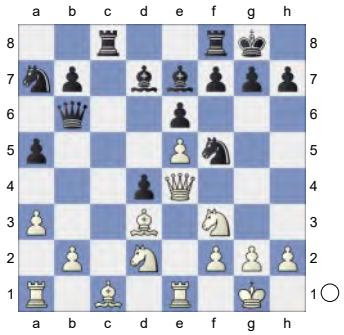
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.c4 White has an edge. **9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nf5**



11.Nbd2 -0.42/22
[11.a3!± 0.34/21]
11...Be7 0.34/21
[11...Rc8∓ -0.42/22]
12.a3 -0.30/22
[12.Bd3!± 0.34/21]
12...a5 0.34/21
[12...Ne3!= -0.30/22 13.fxe3 dxe3]
13.Bd3± White has compensation.
13...0-0 14.Qe2N
[14.Nc4 Qc7 15.Bf4 Qd8 16.h3 a4 17.Rc1 Na5 18.Nxa5 Rxa5 19.Qe2

Bc6 20.Red1 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Bg5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Bxg5 Qxg5 24.Rc4 Rb5 25.Rxa4 Rxb2 26.Raxd4 g6 27.Rd7 Rb5 28.Re1 Re8 1-0 (33) Eljanov,P (2694)-Mohr,G (2419) HUN-ch Rapid 2023 (6)]

14...Rac8 15.Qe4 Na7



16.Qg4 -0.52/22

[16.g4± 0.58/22]

16...Bb5∓ 17.Bxb5 -1.51/22

[17.Bxf5∓ -0.54/20 exf5 18.Qxd4]

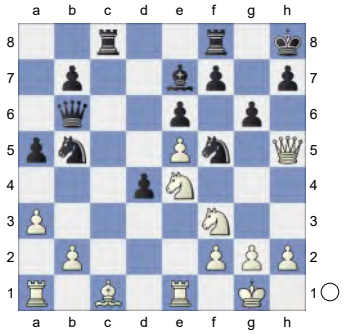
17...Nxb5∓ 18.Ne4 Kh8 -0.40/21

[18...d3-+ -1.69/22 aiming for ...Nb5-d4. 19.Be3 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Rfd8 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.exf6 g6]

19.Qh5 g2-g4 would now be deadly.

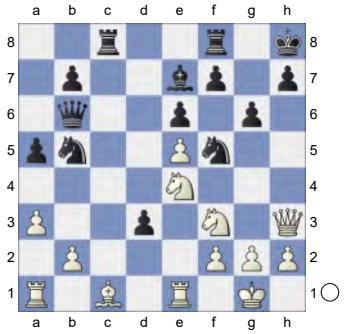
19...g6? 1.25/19

[19...d3!∓ -0.54/18 stays ahead. 20.Bg5 f6 21.exf6 gxf6]



20.Qh3!± d3

(Diagram)



21.Bg5? -0.49/18

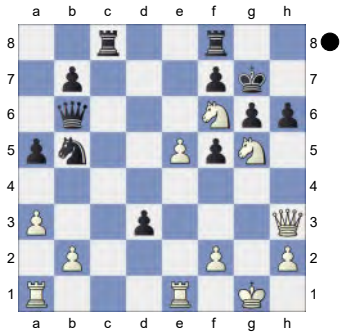
[21.g4+- 1.90/19]

21...Bxg5!∓ Remove Defender **22.Nfxg5 h6↑** Strongly threatening ...Kh8-g7. Black fights for an advantage. **23.g4 Kg7!**

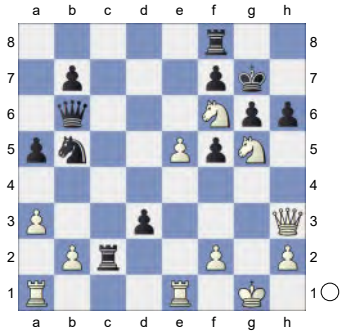
[23...d2? 24.Nxd2 *(24.gxf5 dxe1Q+ 25.Rxe1 h5±)* 24...Nbd4 25.gxf5+-]

24.gxf5 exf5 25.Nf6 -1.32/20

[25.Rad1∓ -0.56/19]



25...Rc2!∓



Threatens to win with ...Rf8-d8. Some like it hot **26.Re3?** -3.21/19 This costs White the game. **26...Nd4-+ 27.Kh1** -4.74/21

[27.Rd1 -3.38/18 was called for. Qc6 28.Nf3 *(28.Rdxd3 Rc1+)* 28...Ne2+ 29.Kh1]

27...Ne2 And now ...Qb6-c6+ would win.

[27...hxg5 28.Qh7#]

[27...Rxf2 28.Rg1 *(28.Rxd3 Rd8=)* 28...Rh8 *(28...hxg5 29.Qh7#; 28...Qc6+ 29.Nge4±)* 29.Qh4 Rxb2 *(29...hxg5 30.Qxf2 Ne2 31.Rxe2±; 29...Qxb2? 30.Nh5+ Kf8 31.Nh7+ Ke8 32.N5f6+* Discovered Attack *Ke7 33.Ne4+* Discovered Attack (Check) *g5 34.Qxf2+-)* 30.Rxd3 hxg5 31.Qxh8+ Kxh8 32.Rh3+ Kg7 33.Rh7+ Kf8 34.Rh8+ Kg7 35.Rh7+ Kf8 36.Rh8+ Kg7 37.Rg8+ Kh6 38.Rh8+ Kg7=]

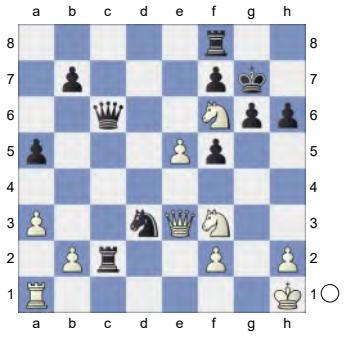
28.Rxd3 Nf4 Double Attack

[28...hxg5 29.Qh7#]

29.Qe3 Qc6+

[29...Qxb2 30.Qxf4 hxg5 *(30...Qxa1+ 31.Kg2=)* 31.Qxg5 *(31.Qd4 Qxd4 32.Rxd4 Rxf2=)* 31...Qxa1+ 32.Kg2=]

30.Nf3 Nxd3



31.Nh5+? -6.67/33

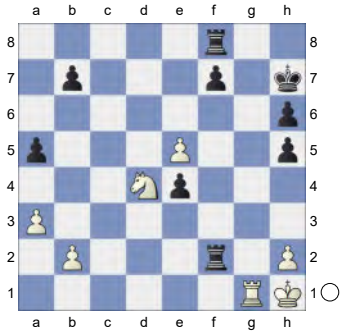
[31.Qxd3 -2.63/18 Rxf2 *(31...Rxb2 32.Qe3=)* 32.Nd5]

31...gxh5 Black is clearly winning.

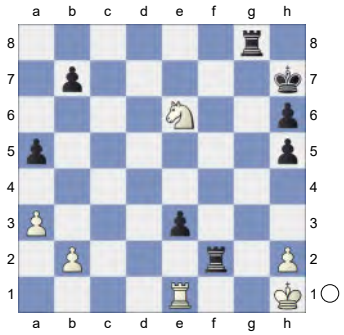
32.Rg1+ Kh7 33.Qxd3 Qe4

[33...Rxb2 34.Qxf5+ Kh8 35.e6 Qxe6 *(35...Rxf2 36.Qf6+ Kh7 37.Qg7#)* 36.Qc5+- *(36.Qxa5?* loses. *Rc8-+)*]

34.Qxe4 fxe4 35.Nd4 Rxf2



36.e6 fxe6 37.Nxe6 Rg8 38.Re1 e3



Weighted Error Value: White=0.81/ Black=0.40

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53 **C02**

□ **Speedrunto2900blitz** **2595**

■ **Haunting_Games** **2602**

Rapid 29.10.2024

[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.d4N

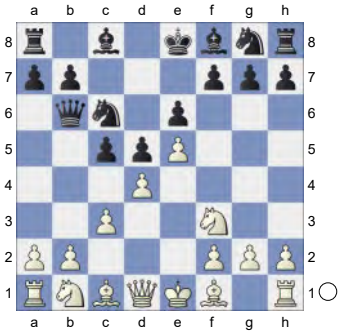
[5.Na3 Nh6 6.Nc2 f6 *(6...Be7 7.d4 Nf5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 g6 12.Re1 f6 13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Rae8 16.Rab1 Qd8 17.Rbd1 Rf7 18.Ncd4 Bb6 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Ne5 Rg7 21.Re3* 8.♗d3 ♗d6 9.0-0 0-0 (2483)-Cowper (2218) Kaschau 2010 200

Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (38)) 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Bg5 Qg6 10.Ncxd4 Bd6 11.Bh4 0-0 12.Bg3 Bxg3 13.hxg3 e5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.Qe2 Qf6 17.f4 Bg4 18.Qe3 Nf5 19.Qf2 Rab8 Cicak,S (2569)-Mertens,M (2217) Luxembourg 2011 EXT 2017 [ChessBase II] 1-0 (32)]

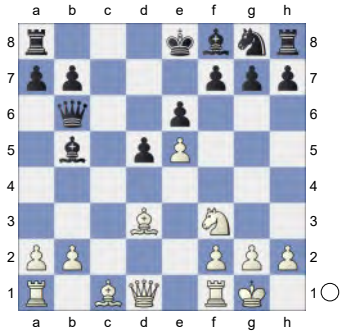
[5.Bb5 Nge7 6.0-0 Qb6 7.Ba4 Bd7 8.Re1 c4 9.b3 Qa6 10.Na3 Ng6 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.d3 cxd3 13.Qxd3 Qa5 14.Qd1 a6 15.b4 Qd8 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bc2 Qf6 19.Bd2 e5 Cicak,S (2480)-Hansen,C (2595) Reykjavik 1998 CBM 064 [Hansen,Curt] 0-1 (59) 20.Be3 e4 21.Nd4 Nce5 22.Ne2 Be6 23.Bd4 Qg5 24.Ng3 f5 25.Bb3 Nd3 26.Re3 Nxf2 27.Qh5 Qd8 28.Kxf2 f4 29.Rxe4 fxg3+ 30.Kg1 Rf5 31.Qe2 gxh2+ 32.Kh1 Bf7 33.Rg4 Qxd6 34.Bc2 Rh5 Cicak,S (2530)-Jeremic,V (2467) Rethymno 2003 CBM 098 [Hecht,Hans Joachim] ½-½ (59)]

[5.Be2 Bd7 6.d3 Qc7 7.d4 Nge7 8.dxc5 Ng6 9.b4 Ngxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Be3 Be7 12.Qd4 Bf6 13.Qf4 Rc8 14.Bd4 Ng6 15.Qxc7 Rxc7 16.0-0 e5 17.Be3 d4 18.Bd2 0-0 19.Bd3 Rd8 Wolf,N (1205)-Glienke,N (1600) Germany 2016 EXT 2018 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (41)]

5...Qb6

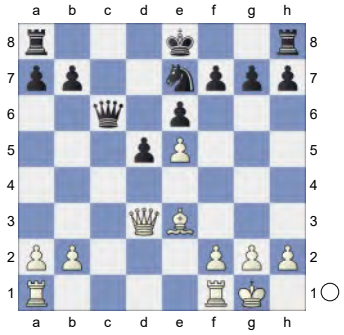


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Nxf3 Bb5



11.Nd4 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Bc5 13.Nb3 Ne7 14.Nxc5 Qxc5 15.Be3 Qc6 -0.30/20

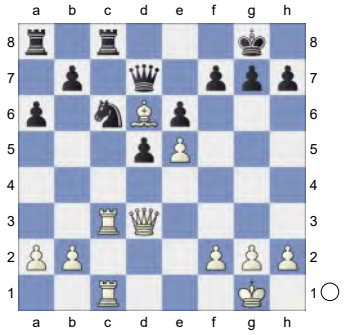
[15...Qc7∓ -0.65/18]



16.Rac1 Qd7 17.Rc3 0-0 18.Rfc1 Nc6 -0.59/19

[Black should play 18...Rac8∓ -1.02/18 19.Bc5 b6 20.Bxe7 Rxc3 21.Qxc3 Qxe7]

19.Bc5!∓ Rfc8 20.Bd6 a6

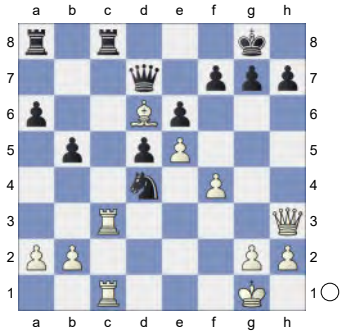


21.f4 -0.79/18

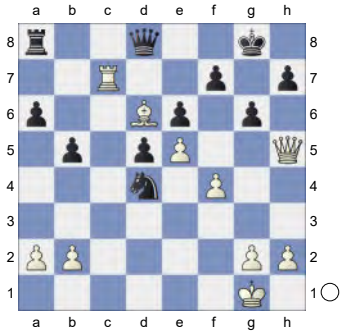
[21.Qd2∓ -0.45/16]

21...b5 -0.29/19

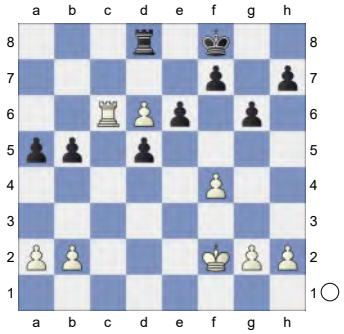
[21...Ne7∓ -0.79/18 22.Rc7 Qd8]
22.Qh3 -1.08/20
[22.Qd2= -0.29/19]
22...Nd4



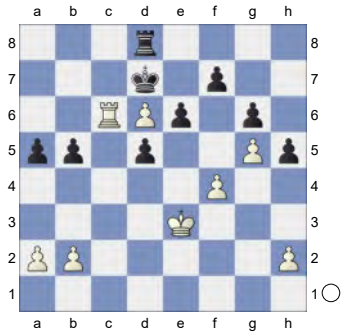
...Ne2+ is the strong threat. **23.Rc7 Rxc7 24.Rxc7 Qd8 25.Qh5 g6**



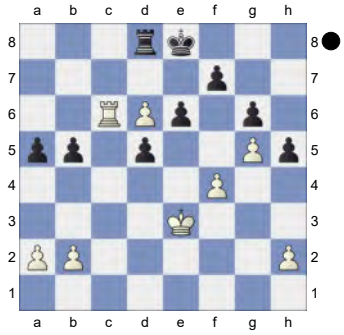
26.Qg5 Nf5 Strongly threatening ...f6!
27.Qxd8+ Rxd8 Endgame KRB-KRN
28.Rc6 a5 29.Kf2 Nxd6 30.exd6 KR-KR **30...Kf8**



31.Ke3 Ke8! 32.g4 h5 -0.22/22
[32...Kd7∓ -0.53/23 deserves consideration. 33.Rc7+ Kxd6 34.Rxf7 Rd7 35.Rxd7+ Kxd7]
33.g5!= Kd7 34.Rc7+ -1.23/24
[34.Ra6∓ -0.33/21]
34...Ke8 -0.01/21
[34...Kxd6∓ -1.23/24 35.Rxf7 Rd7]
35.Rc6 Kd7 0.01/21
[35...a4!∓ -0.31/23]



36.Rc7+ Ke8 0.01/20
[36...Kxd6∓ -0.90/23 37.Rxf7 Rd7]
37.Rc6!

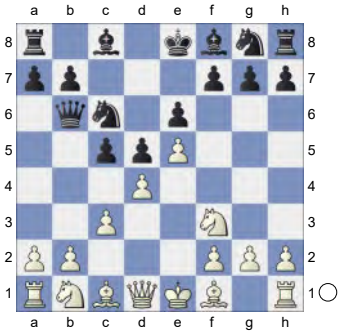


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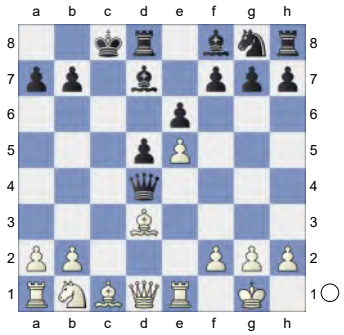
54 **C02**
□ **Molt7n** **2845**
■ **MigueMosquera** **2619**
Blitz 14.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

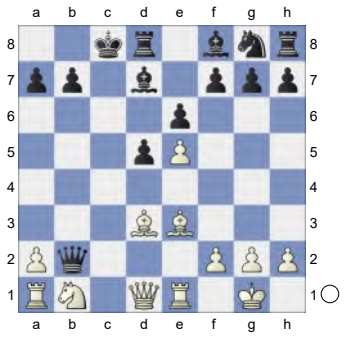
(Diagram)



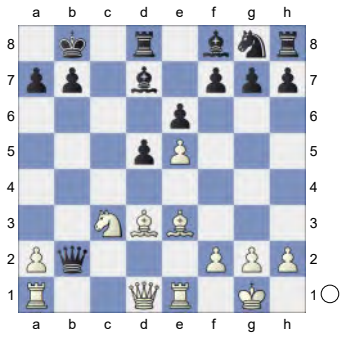
6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.09/18
[7.dxc5± 0.52/22 Bxc5 8.0-0]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 0-0-0N 1.20/18
[8...Rc8= 0.07/18 keeps the balance. 9.a3 Nge7 *(9...a6 10.b4 dxc3 11.Nxc3 Nxb4 12.Na4 Bxa4 13.Qxa4+ Nc6 14.Rb1 Qa5 15.Qg4 b5 16.Bb2 Nge7 17.h4 h5 18.Qf4 Nd8 19.Rec1 Nec6 20.Bc3 Qb6 21.a4 b4 22.a5 Qxa5 23.Bd2 Qb6 24.Ng5* 1-0 (40) Mas,J (2236)-Wilson,E (2183) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Feb Early blitz 2023 (6)*)* 10.h4 g6 11.b4 Bg7 12.b5 Na5 13.Nxd4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.a4 Nd5 16.Ba3 Qd8 17.Qf3 Qxh4 18.Nd2 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Nxf4 20.Ne4 Bxe5 21.Bd6 Bxd6 22.Nxd6+ Ke7 23.Nxc8+ Rxc8 0-1 (59) Gorodetzky,D (2492)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early blitz 2023 (5)]
[8...a6 9.h4 h6 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Nb3 Rc8 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Nxa5 Qxa5 15.Bd2 Bc5 16.Nd4 Ne7 17.Nb3 Qa4 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qf3 Bb6 20.Qf6 Rg8 21.h5 Bd8 22.Qf3 gxh5 23.Nd4 0-1 (32) Steiner,A (2198)-Vrana,F (2212) AUT-chT2O 2223 2022 (8.3)]
[8...Nge7 9.h4 Rc8 10.Nbd2 Nf5 11.c4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.Bf4 Nfe7 14.Nd6+ Kd8 15.Nxf7+ Ke8 16.Nxh8 Nd5 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Bxh7 Qb6 19.Qd3 Kd8 20.Nf7+ Kc7 21.Nd6 Rf8 22.Rac1 Kb8 23.Bxe7 1-0 (34) Kiolbasa,O (2394)-Boryna,S (1440) Warsaw Maciei Memorial blitz 2023 (1)]
9.cxd4± Nxd4 White is better. **10.Nxd4 Qxd4**



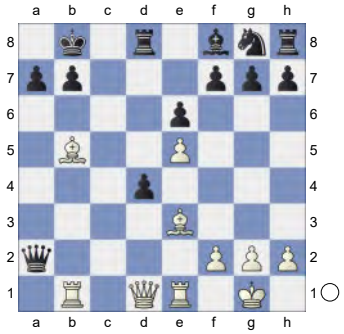
11.Be3 Qxb2



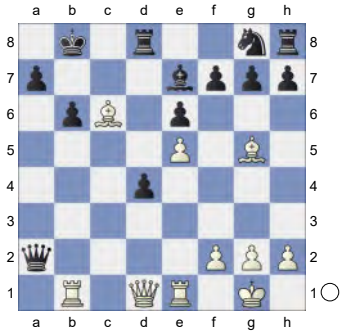
12.Nc3! aiming for Ra1-b1. **12...Kb8**
[12...Qxc3? 13.Rc1+- *(13.Bxa7? Qa5-+; 13.Bxa7? Qa5-+)*]



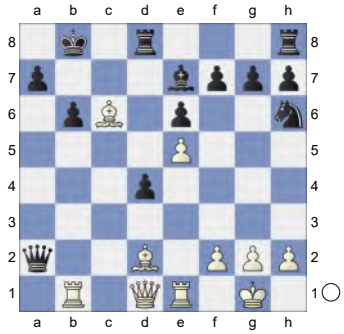
13.Nb5 Bxb5 14.Rb1 Qxa2 3.99/21
15.Bxb5 Rb1-a1 would now be deadly.
15...d4
(Diagram)



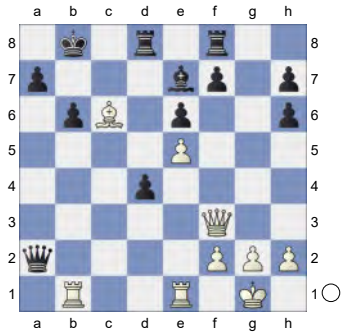
16.Bc6? 0.75/17
[16.Bxd4+- 2.84/20 and White stays clearly on top. Qa5 *(16...Qd5? 17.Bxa7+ Kc8 18.Rc1++-)* 17.Ra1 Qxe1+ *(17...Qxb5? 18.Bxa7+ Kc7 19.Qf3+-)* 18.Qxe1 Rxd4 19.Qc3]
16...b6
[16...Kc7? 17.Bf3 *(17.Bxb7 Bc5+-)* 17...b6 18.Bg5+- *(18.Bxd4 Kb8+-; 18.Ra1 dxe3 19.Qc1+ Bc5+-)*]
17.Bg5
[17.Bxd4 Ne7 *(17...Qc4 18.Qf3=)* 18.Bb5 h5=]
[17.Re2!? Qa5 18.Bxd4= *(18.Bd2 Qa6=)*]
17...Be7 2.17/21
[17...Ne7± 0.49/19 18.Ra1 Qc4]



18.Bd2? 0.00/21 A strong pair of Bishops.
[18.Re2!+- 2.17/21 Qa6 19.Ra1 Qxa1 20.Qxa1]
18...Nh6? 1.70/20
[18...d3= 0.00/21 19.Be4 Qc2]

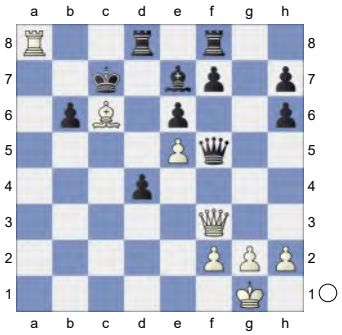


19.Bxh6? 0.00/26
[19.Ra1!+- 1.70/20 Qc4 20.Qf3 *(20.Rc1 Qa6=)*]
19...gxh6= 20.Qf3 -1.26/23
[20.Re2= 0.00/26 Qa5 21.Ra1]
20...Rhf8 -0.18/20
[20...d3∓ -1.26/23 Hoping for ...Rd8-c8. 21.Ra1 Qb2 *(21...d2 22.Reb1=)* 22.Qxf7 Qb4]

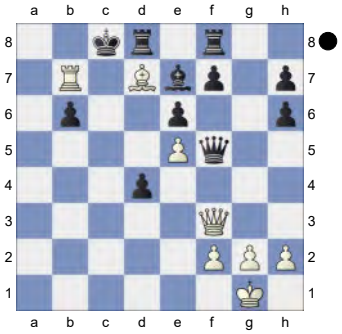


21.Ra1! Qc2 2.99/25
[21...Qd2!= -0.16/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 22.Reb1 Bc5 *(22...Qc3 23.Rxb6+ axb6 24.Ra8+ Kc7 25.Ra7+ Kb8 26.Ra8+ Kc7 27.Ra7+ Kb8 28.Ra8+=)* 23.Rxa7 Decoy Kxa7 24.Ra1+ Qa5 *(24...Kb8 25.Bd7±)* 25.Rxa5+ bxa5]
22.Rec1+- Qf5 4.47/22
[⌓22...Qd2 2.90/21]
23.Rxa7 Decoy, Clearance **23...Kxa7** #7/19
[23...Qxf3+- 4.25/18 24.Rb7+ Kc8 *(24...Ka8 25.Ra1+ Ba3 26.Bxf3 Rd5 27.Bxd5 exd5 28.Rxb6 Ka7*

29.Rbb1 Rh8 30.Rxa3#) 25.Bxf3+ Discovered Attack (Check) Bc5 26.Rxb6 Rd7 27.Rxc5+ Kd8]
24.Ra1+ White mates. **24...Kb8 25.Ra8+ Kc7**



26.Ra7+ Skewer **26...Kb8 27.Rb7+ Kc8 28.Bd7+!**

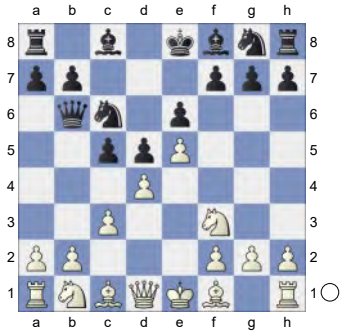


Decoy, Clearance.
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55 **C02**
☐ **VladislavKrasikov_FM** **2573**
■ **Egor_Pakhomov** **2695**
Blitz 16.06.2024
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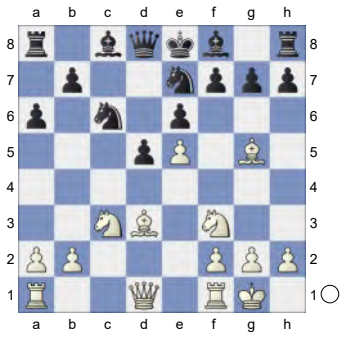
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C02: French: Advance Variation
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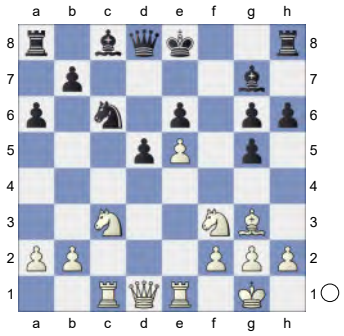


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 dxc3 8.Nxc3 Nge7N
[8...a6 9.Be3 Qc7 10.Rc1 b5 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.Qd2 Qb7 13.f4 Rc8 14.Nxc6 Rxc6 15.Ne2 Nh6 16.h3 Be7 17.Nd4 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 0-0 19.g4 f6 20.exf6 Bxf6 21.Nf3 d4 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Bxd4 Frost,N (1774)-Mai,A (2141) Reykjavik 2023 0-1 (42) Qf3 24.Qe3 Qxf4 25.Qxf4 Rxf4 26.Be5 Rf7 27.Rc7 a5 28.Rb7 Bc8 29.Rb8 Rf8 30.Bxb5 Nf7 31.Bc7 g5 32.Bxa5 Ne5 33.Bb4 Rd8 34.Be7 Rd1+ 35.Kf2 Rc1 36.Bf6 Ng6 37.Bc3 Rc2+ 38.Ke3 Roos,M (2143)-Kolker,B (1381) Baden-Baden 2023 Steinitz/ Blackburne [John Watson] 1-0 (42)]
[8...Bd7 9.Be3 Qd8 10.Rc1 *(10.h4 Nge7 11.h5 h6 12.Rc1 g5 13.hxg6 Nxg6 14.Bxg6 fxg6 15.Nb5 a6 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bxh6 Rf5 19.g4 Rxf3 20.Qxf3 Nd4 21.Qe3 e5 22.Kg2 Qf6 23.f3 Qxd6 24.Bf4 Nc6* Marciniak,M (2245)-Schaller,T (2091) Linares 2023 CT-1677 [John Watson] 1-0 (31)*)* 10...Nge7 11.Bg5 Qb8 12.Re1 Ng6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.a3 1-0 (14) Tymrakiewicz,R (2225)-Seifert,H (2148) Chess.com INT 2021 CBM 211 [Braun, Christian]]
9.Be3 White has compensation. White is slightly better. **9...Qd8**

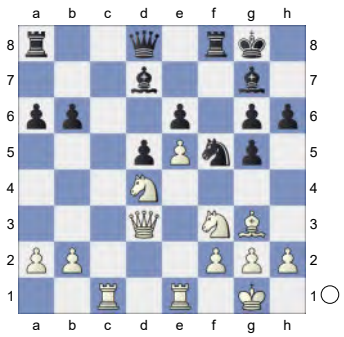
[9...Qxb2? 10.Nb5 Kd7 11.a3+-]
10.Bg5 Threatens to win with Nb5.
10...a6



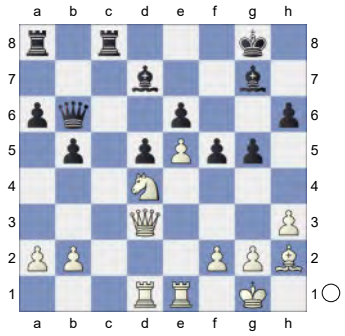
Prevents Nb5. **11.Rc1 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Bg3 Bg7 14.Re1** -0.68/17
[14.h3= -0.01/18]
14...Ng6 0.64/18
[14...Nf5!∓ -0.68/17 15.Bxf5 exf5]
15.Bxg6± &Bianco is more active.
15...fxg6



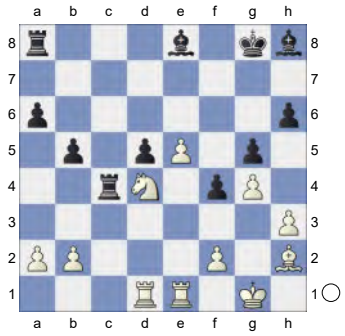
16.Qd3 0.14/19
[16.h4± 0.57/18 was preferrable.]
16...Ne7= 17.Na4 0-0 18.Nc5 -0.33/18
[18.Nd4= 0.00/16 might be stronger.]
18...b6∓ 19.Nb3 Nf5 Against h4
20.Nbd4 Bd7



Against Rc6 **21.h3 Qb8 22.Bh2** -0.37/17
[22.Nxf5= -0.05/17 gxf5 23.h4]
22...Rc8 23.Rcd1 b5 24.Nxf5 gxf5 25.Nd4 Qb6

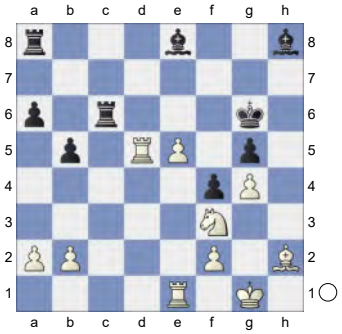


26.g4 f4 27.Qg6 Be8! 28.Qxe6+ Qxe6 29.Nxe6 Bh8 0.27/19
[29...Rc2∓ -0.34/19]
30.Nd4= Rc4 0.92/19
[30...Bg6= 0.21/18 remains equal.]

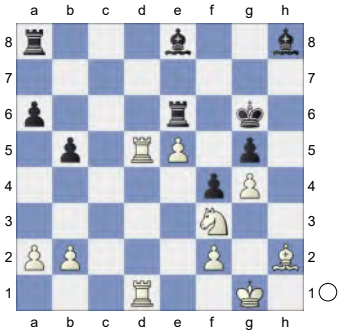


31.h4 0.27/19
[White should play 31.b3!± 0.92/19 Rc3 32.h4]
31...Kh7 1.28/19
[31...Bg6= 0.27/19 keeps the balance.]
32.hxg5!± hxg5 33.Nf3! Kg6 34.Rxd5 aiming for Rd6+. **34...Rc6**

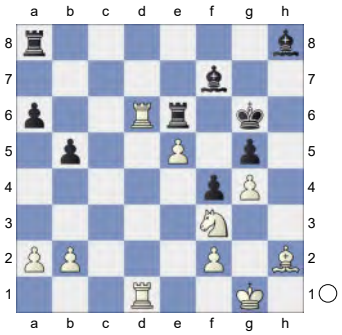
(Diagram)



35.Red1!↑ And now Rd6+ would win. White is really pushing. **35...Re6** 2.59/21
[35...Kh6± 1.23/20 keeps fighting. 36.Nd4 Rb6]

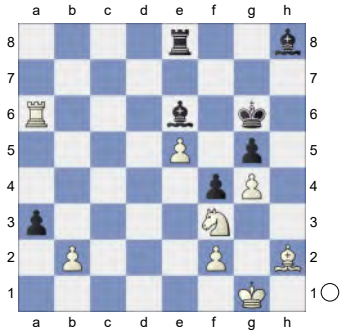


36.Rd6+- Bf7

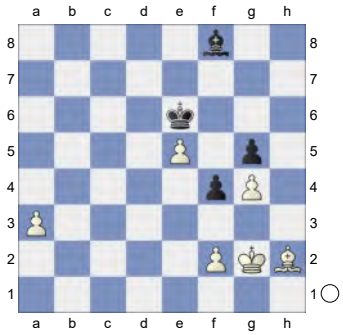


37.Rxe6+ Bxe6 38.Rd6 Re8 39.Rxa6 b4? 3.89/21
[39...Bg7 2.27/20 40.b4 Bh6]
40.a3 bxa3

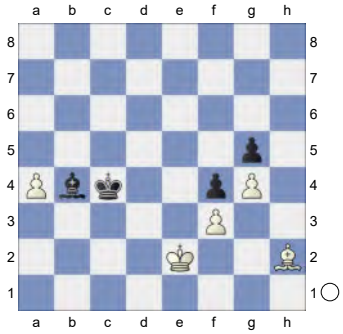
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41.bxa3 Bg7 42.Kg2 Bf8 43.Nd4 Kf7 44.Nxe6 Rxe6 45.Rxe6 Kxe6

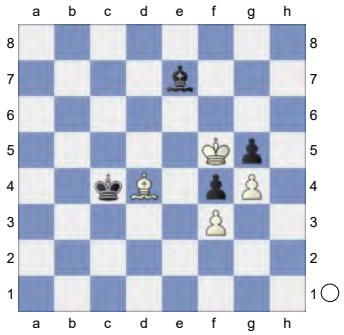


Endgame KB-KB **46.a4 Kxe5 47.f3 Kd4 48.Kf2?** 0.00/30
[White has to play 48.Bg1++- 7.45/29 Kd5 49.Bb6]
48...Kd3 49.Kf1 Kc4 50.Ke2 Hoping for Bg1. **50...Bb4** 0.59/35
[50...Bc5= 0.00/28]

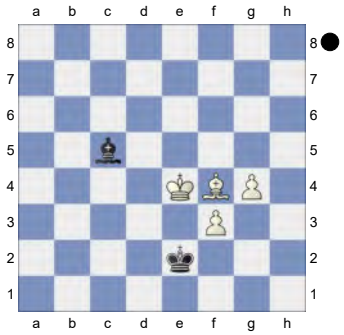


51.Bg1± Kb3? 10.13/30
[51...Ba5 1.97/30 52.Bf2 Kb4]
52.Kd3 4.10/26
[⌓52.Bd4 10.13/30 Kxa4 53.Bf6]
52...Kxa4+- 53.Ke4? 0.01/32
[53.Bb6+- 9.85/32 Be7 54.Kc4]

53...Kb3? 9.62/30
[53...Be7= 0.01/32]
54.Bd4? 0.01/29
[Better is 54.Bb6+- 9.62/30 Be7 55.Kd5]
54...Be7!= 55.Kf5 Kc4



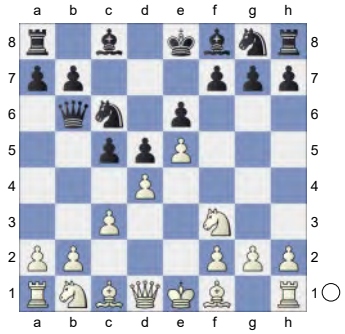
56.Bf6 Bc5 15.02/26
[56...Bxf6= 0.00/22 57.Kxf6 Kd4]
57.Bxg5+- White is clearly winning.
57...Kd3 58.Bxf4 Ke2 59.Ke4



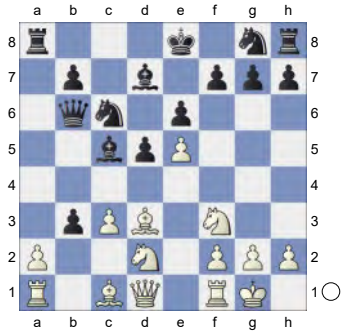
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56 **C02**
□ **rosagasa** **2894**
■ **chesszxj** **2833**
Blitz 04.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5 9.Nbd2 a4 0.94/23 Repels Nd2-b3
[9...f6!± 0.45/19]
[9...Qc7 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Qe2 Nge7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Re1 0-0 14.h4 f6 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Nbd4 Raf8 17.Bxg6 Rxg6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Qd3 Be8 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.Rxe6 Bf7 22.Re2 hxg5 23.Nxg5 g6 24.Rae1 0-1 (26) Dubreuil,J (2096)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (2)]
10.b4± axb3



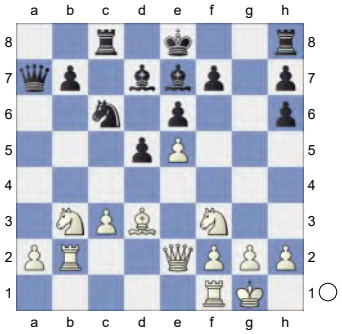
11.Nxb3 Be7N 1.43/19
[11...Nge7± 0.61/20 12.Rb1 *(12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3 Qxc3 14.Rb1 0-0 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg6 17.Rc1 Qxe5 18.Qc2+ Qf5 19.Qb2 f6 20.Nf3 Kf7 21.Qxb7 Rfd8 22.Rfe1 e5 23.Bc5 d4 24.h3 Rab8 25.Qc7 Rdc8 26.Qd6 Qe6* 0-1 (37) Gitelson,A (2319)-Martin Fuentes,A (2375) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (1) *)*]
[11...f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Qe2 0-0

14.Rb1 Bd6 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Qa7 17.Ne5 Bc8 18.Bb2 Qa4 19.Bc2 Qe8 20.a4 Qh5 21.f3 Nd7 22.Qe3 Nb6 23.f4 Bxe5 24.fxe5 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Nc4 26.Qf4 1-0 (39) Privara,I (2032)-Lederman,L (2201) Wch Seniors 65 32nd 2024 (4)]

12.Qe2 1.00/18
[⌓12.Re1 1.43/19]

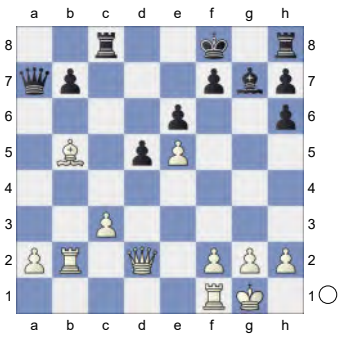
12...Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Rab1 Qa7 1.72/20
[14...0-0± 1.15/19 was worth a try.]

15.Rb2 Rc8 1.81/21
[15...Ba3± 1.39/18]



16.Qd2 Bf8 17.Nbd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 1.41/16
[18.cxd4+- 1.96/23 Bg7 19.a4]

18...Bg7 19.Nb5 White has more active pieces. **19...Bxb5 20.Bxb5+ Kf8** 1.57/21
[⌓20...Ke7 0.88/19]



21.Re1 Qc5 1.95/20 Wards off c3-c4
[21...Qa5± 1.36/18]

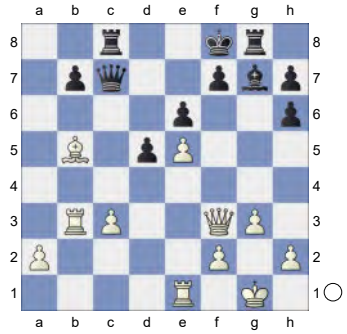
22.Rb3 1.41/17
[22.Qf4+- 1.95/20]

22...Rg8 2.50/19
[22...Ke7± 1.41/17 23.Qd3 Rhd8 24.Qxh7 Kf8]

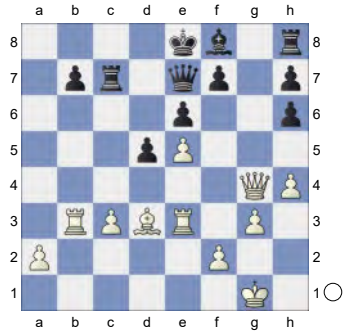
23.g3 Qc7 24.Qe3 Qc5 2.97/19
[⌓24...Ke7 1.69/17 25.f4 Qc5]

25.Qf3 1.75/17
[⌓25.Qf4 2.97/19]

25...Qc7 3.15/17
[⌓25...Ke7 1.75/17 26.Qd3 Rgd8 27.Qxh7 Kf8]

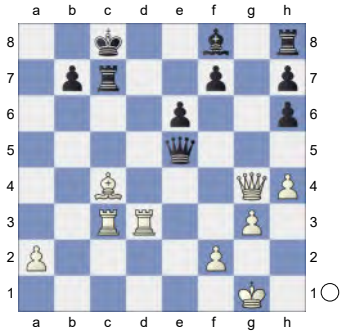


26.Qh5+- Qe7 27.h4 Wards off Qe7-g5
27...Rc7 28.Bd3 Rh8 29.Re3 Ke8 30.Qg4 Bf8 4.35/19
[⌓30...Kf8 3.06/17 31.Be2 Qd7]



31.Rf3 Kd8 32.c4 dxc4 33.Bxc4 Qc5 34.Rfd3+ Kc8 35.Rbc3 Threatens to win with Bc4xe6+! **35...Qxe5**

(Diagram)



36.Qf3→ 0.58/18 Black needs to defend precisely.

[36.Re3!+- 3.69/18 Qd6 37.Bxe6+ Kb8 *(37...fxe6? 38.Rxe6 Kb8 39.Re8+ Ka7 40.Qa4+ Qa6 41.Qxa6+ Kxa6 42.Rxc7+-)* 38.Rcd3 fxe6 39.Rxd6 Bxd6 40.Rxe6]

36...Bb4 1.08/20

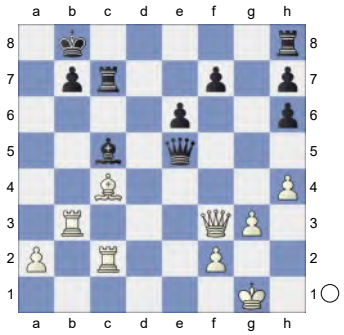
[36...Bc5± 0.58/18]

37.Rc2!± Strongly threatening Bc4-a6! White has strong compensation.

37...Kb8 38.Rb3 aiming for Kg1-h2!

38...Bc5? 4.33/19

[38...Rd8± 1.03/16 is a better chance.]



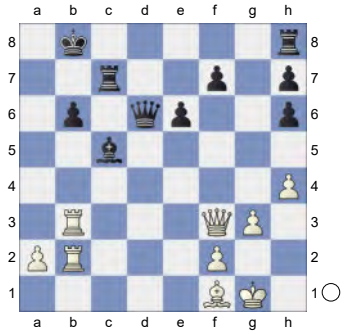
39.Rcb2!+- b6 40.Bf1 2.30/18

[⌓40.Rxb6+ 4.02/18 Bxb6 41.Rxb6+ Kc8 42.Ba6+ Kd8 43.Rb8+ Ke7 44.Qa3+ Kf6 45.Rxh8]

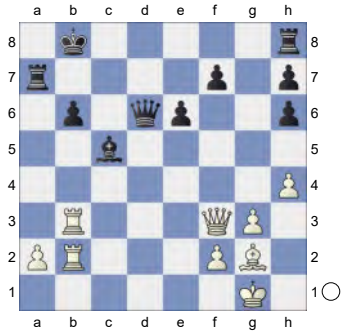
40...Qd6 3.30/22

[⌓40...Qd5 2.30/18 41.Qf4 e5 42.Qxh6 Rc6]

(Diagram)



41.Bg2 Ra7

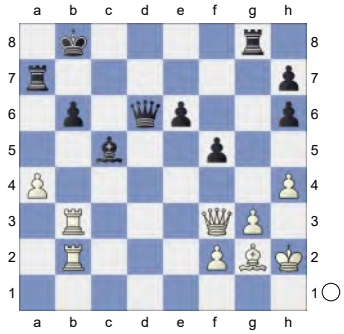


Prevents Qf3-a8+. **42.a4** 1.72/19 **Rg8?** 4.43/21

[42...Rd8 1.72/19]

43.Kh2 f5? 6.57/18

[43...Kc8 3.78/16 44.a5 Rxa5 45.Qb7+ *(45.Qxf7 Rg4+-)* 45...Kd8 46.Rxb6 *(46.Qxf7 Rf8+-)* 46...Bxb6 47.Rxb6 Qc7]

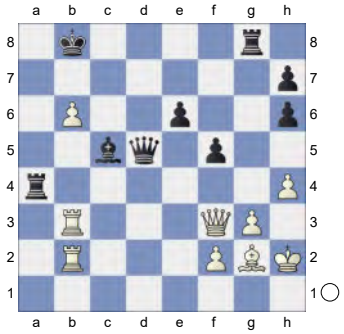


44.a5! Qd5

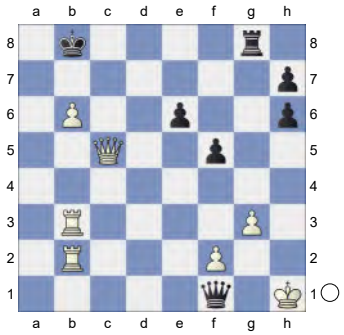
[44...Kc8 45.axb6]

45.axb6 Ra4

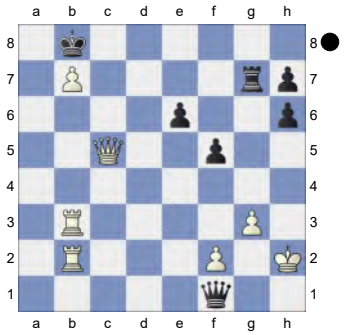
(Diagram)



46.Qc3 0.01/18 Prevents Qd5xf3.
[Better is 46.Qh5+- 6.27/18 Qd7 47.Rc2 *(47.Qxh6 f4+-)* 47...Bxf2 48.Rxf2]
46...Rxh4+!= 47.Kg1!
[47.Bh3? is a self mate. Rxh3+ 48.Kxh3 Qh1#]
47...Qd1+ 48.Bf1 Dancing on a razor blade. **48...Rh3?** 12.42/17 **49.Qxc5+-** Threatening mate with Qc5-c7+.
49...Rh1+ 50.Kxh1 Qc5-c7+ would kill now. **50...Qxf1+**



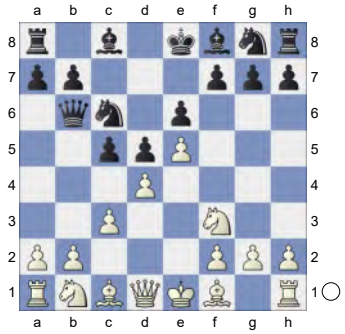
51.Kh2 Rg7 52.b7



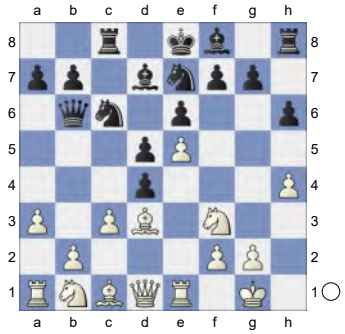
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57 **C02**
□ **whereismate** **2591**
■ **Baidetskyi,Valentin** **2793**
Blitz 29.06.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

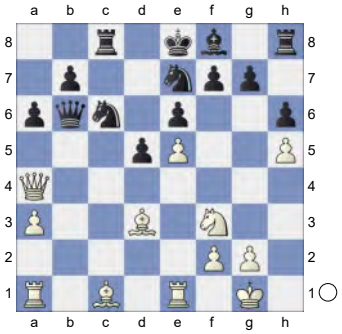


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.a3 The position is equal. **9...Nge7 10.h4 h6**

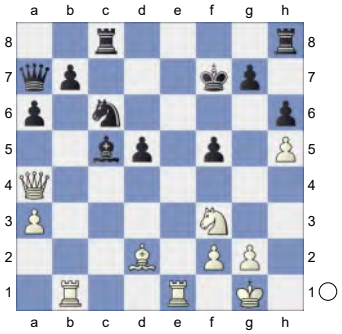


11.h5
[11.b4 is interesting. dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Be3]
11...a6 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6

(Diagram)

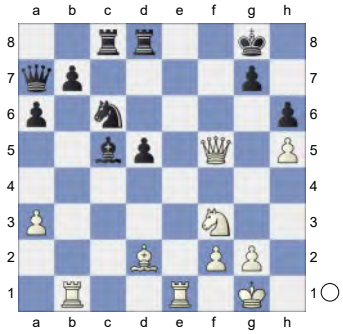


16.Bd2 Against Qa5 **16...Nf5** 0.85/23
[16...Qc7= 0.01/18 remains equal.]
17.Rab1± Qa7 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.e6 0.06/18
[19.Qf4!± 0.54/21]
19...Bc5N
[19...fxe6 20.Rxe6+ Kf7 21.Rg6 Bc5 22.Bc3 Rhg8 23.Qf4 Ne7 24.Ne5+ Ke8 25.Re6 Rf8 26.Ng6 Rf7 27.Bb4 Kd7 28.Bxc5 Rxc5 29.Qd6+ 1-0 (29) Bochnicka,V (2356)-Jakab,B (2358) Slovakia 2023]
20.exf7+ Kxf7

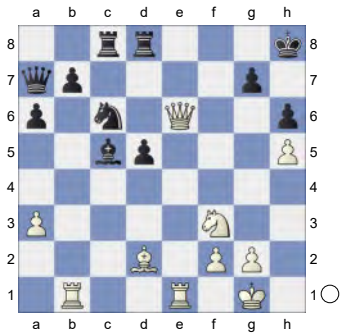


21.Qf4 Rhd8? 7.38/20
[21...Bxf2+= -0.01/23 22.Kf1 Rhf8 23.Ne5+ Nxe5 24.Qxe5 Kg8 25.Qxd5+ Kh8 26.Rxb7 Qd4 27.Qxd4 Bxd4]
22.Qxf5++- Kg8

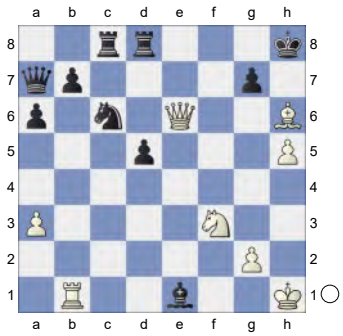
(Diagram)



23.Qe6+? 1.81/23
[23.Bxh6! 7.05/23 Intending Ng5! and mate. b5 *(23...Nd4 24.Nxd4)* 24.Ng5! *(24.Be3 Bxe3 25.Rxe3 Qd7±)* 24...Bxf2+ 25.Kh1 gxh6 26.Qe6+ Kg7 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qxh6+ Kg8 29.Re6]
23...Kh8



24.Bxh6! Bxf2+ 25.Kh1 Threatening mate with Bxg7+! **25...Bxe1?** #15/20
[25...b6± 1.52/22]

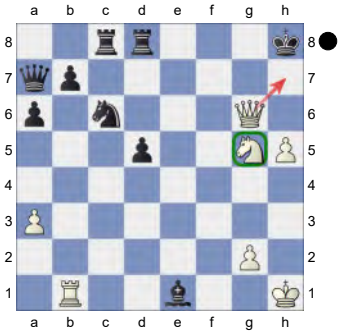


26.Bxg7+! Decoy, Clearance **26...Kxg7**
27.Qg6+? 0.01/18
[27.h6+ #14/19 mates Kf8 28.Rxe1 Rc7 29.Ne5 *(29.Ng5? Qf2-+)*

29...Nxe5 30.Qf6+ Kg8 31.Qxd8+ Kh7 32.Qxc7+ Kxh6 33.Rxe5]

27...Kh8!= ...b5! is the strong threat.

28.Ng5



Rc7 Against Qh7+ **29.Rxe1** -1.00/27

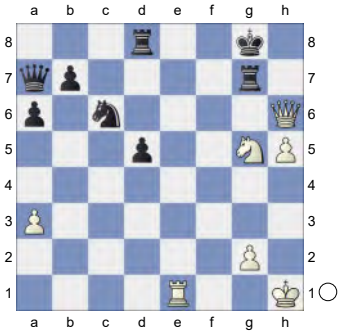
[29.Qf6+= 0.01/25 Kg8 30.Qe6+ Kf8 31.Qf6+ Kg8 32.Qe6+ Kh8 33.Qf6+ Kg8]

[29.Qh6+ Kg8]

29...Rg7 0.01/25

[29...Qf2∓ -1.00/27 30.Re8+ Rxe8 31.Qxe8+ Kg7 32.Ne6+ Kf6 33.Qg6+ *(33.Nxc7?* is the wrong capture. *Qf1+ 34.Kh2 Qf4+ 35.g3 Qxc7-+)* 33...Ke7 34.Nxc7 Qh4+ 35.Kg1 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Qh4+ 37.Kg1 Qd4+ 38.Kh2 *(38.Kh1 Qh4+ 39.Kg1∓)* 38...Qe5+ 39.Qg3 Qxh5+ 40.Kg1 Qd1+ 41.Kh2 Qh5+ 42.Kg1 Qd1+ 43.Kh2 Qh5+]

30.Qh6+ Kg8



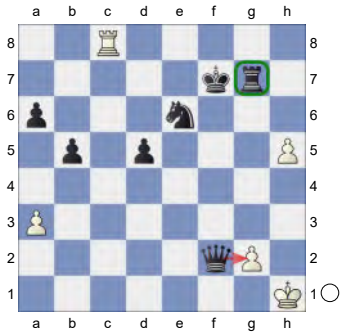
Hoping for ...Qf2. **31.Ne6→** Black needs to defend precisely. **31...b5?** 1.68/22

[31...Rg4= 0.01/26 32.Ng5 Rh4+ 33.Nh3 Qf2 34.Qg6+ Kh8 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Qg6+ Kh8 37.Qh6+ Kg8]

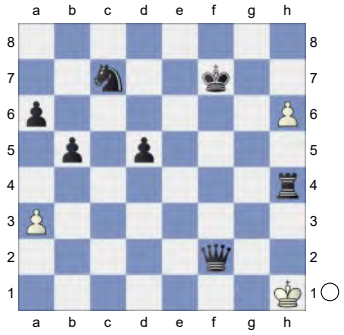
32.Nxd8+-

[Inferior is 32.Nxg7 Qxg7 33.Qxc6 Qg4=]

32...Nxd8 33.Re8+ Kf7 34.Qe6+ -16.25/5 **Nxe6-+ 35.Rc8 Qf2**



36.Rc7+ Nxc7 Black mates. **37.g4 Rxg4 38.h6 Rh4#**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.80/ Black=0.62

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58 **C02**

□ **Molt7n** **2821**

■ **matikoza** **2744**

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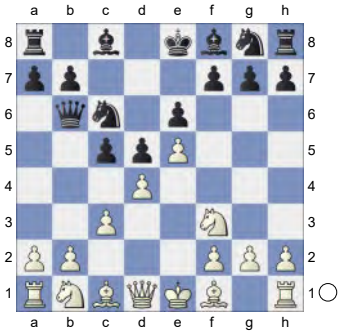
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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)

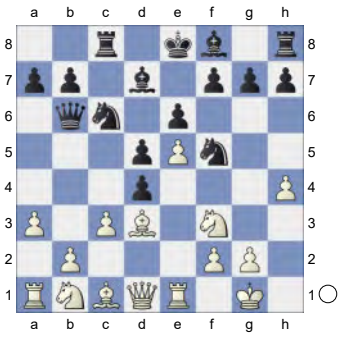


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.a3** -0.09/18

[10.Nbd2± 0.37/20 deserves consideration.]

10...Nf5 0.54/22

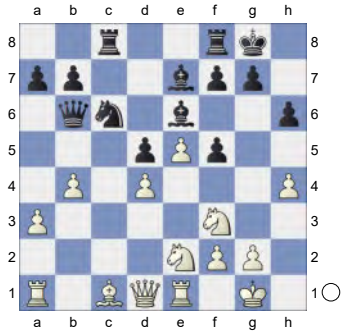
[10...a6= -0.09/18]



11.Bxf5± exf5 12.cxd4 h6 13.Nc3 Be6 14.b4 Be7 15.Ne2N

[15.Na4 Qb5 16.Bd2 b6 17.Rc1 *(17.Nc3)* 17...0-0 18.Nc3 Qd3 19.Re3 Qc4 20.Be1 Nb8 21.h5 f4 22.Ne2 fxe3 23.Rxc4 exf2+ 24.Bxf2 Rxc4 25.Nf4 Rfc8 26.Kh2 Rc1 27.Qd3 R1c3 28.Qb5 Bf8 29.Nh4 R3c6 1-0 (39) Jones,G (2670)-Iskusnyh,S (2473) Titled Tuesday 13th Oct blitz 2020 (4) 30.Nxe6 fxe6 31.Ng6 Nd7 32.Qa6 Rc2 33.Qxa7 R2c7 34.Qa4 Kf7 35.Bh4 Kg8 36.Qd1 Rc2 37.Qg4 Kf7 38.Nf4 R8c6 39.Nxe6 1-0 Luehrig,W (2670)-Curr,P (2473) Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee 1998 (4)]

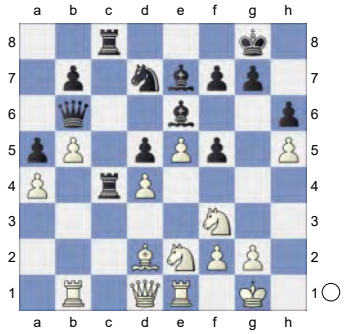
15...0-0



16.Rb1 a5 17.b5 Nb8! 18.a4 Rc4 19.Bd2 0.00/22

[19.Nd2± 0.61/19 Rcc8 20.Nb3]

19...Rfc8 20.h5 Nd7



21.Nf4 -0.39/21

[21.Qb3= 0.12/19]

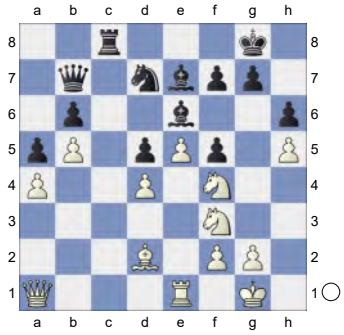
21...Rc2 0.11/20

[21...Bg5∓ -0.39/21]

22.Rc1 Rxc1 23.Bxc1 Qc7 0.42/20

[23...Rc4= -0.14/20]

24.Bd2 b6 25.Qa1 Qb7



26.Rc1 Rc4 27.Qb2 -0.14/25

[Better is 27.Qa2± 0.77/21]

27...Qc7 0.30/24

[⌓27...Rxa4 -0.14/25 28.Nxe6

(28.Rc6 Rc4∓) 28...fxe6]

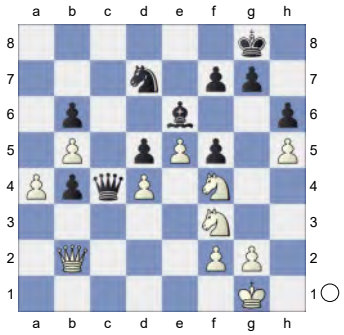
28.Rc3 Bb4? 2.19/22

[28...Rxc3= 0.15/21 and Black is okay. 29.Qxc3 Qxc3 30.Bxc3 Nf8]

29.Rxc4+- Qxc4 3.45/25

[⌓29...dxc4 2.37/22 30.Bc3 Nf8]

30.Bxb4 axb4



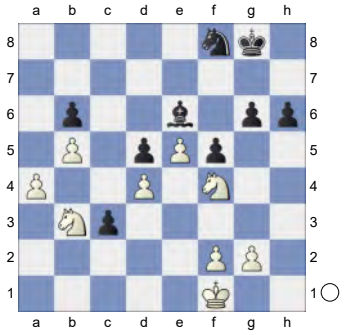
31.Nd2 Qc3 32.Qxc3 bxc3 Endgame. KBN-KNN **33.Nb3 Nf8 34.Kf1**

[34.Ne2 Nd7 35.Nxc3 f6 36.exf6 Bf7+-]

34...g5 35.hxg6

[35.Ne2 Nd7 36.Nxc3 f6 37.exf6 Kf7±]

35...fxg6

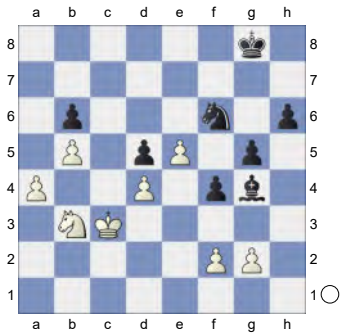


36.Ke2

[36.Ne2 c2 37.Ke1 *(37.Na1 g5±)* 37...Nd7±]

36...g5 37.Nh5 f4 Hoping for ...Be6-g4+. **38.Kd3 Nd7 39.Kxc3 Bg4 40.Nf6+ Nxf6**

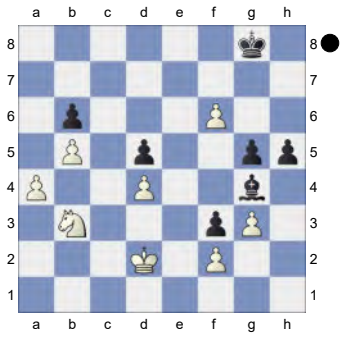
(Diagram)



41.exf6 KB-KN **41...f3 42.g3 h5 43.Kd2??** -3.98/21

[43.a5 bxa5 44.Nxa5 *(44.b6 Bc8=)* 44...h4 45.gxh4 *(45.b6 Bc8=)* 45...gxh4=]

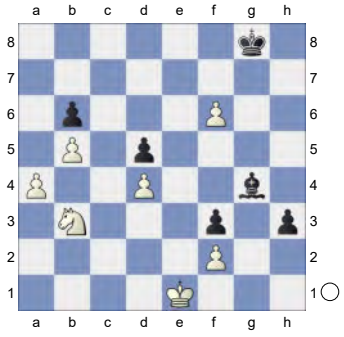
[43.Nd2+- 4.43/28 avoids the disaster.]



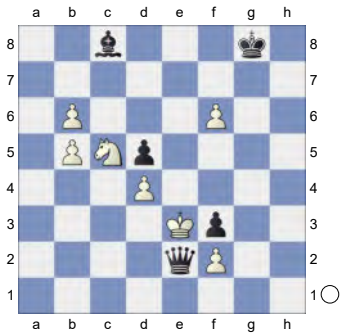
43...h4!-+ 44.gxh4 gxh4 White must now prevent ...h4-h3. **45.Ke1?** -14.07/25

[45.a5 -2.04/20 bxa5 46.Ke3 *(46.Nxa5? h3-+; 46.b6? Bc8-+)*]

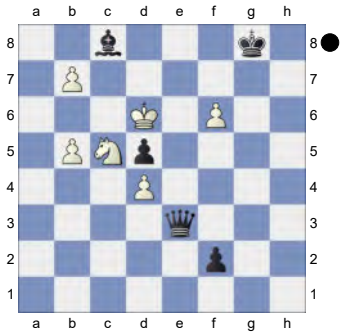
45...h3



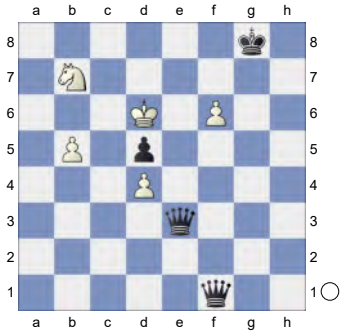
46.a5 h2 47.Kd2 h1Q 48.axb6 Bc8 49.Nc5 Qf1 ...Qf1-e2+ would now be deadly. **50.Ke3 Qe2+**



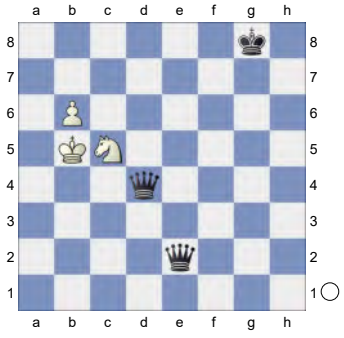
51.Kf4 Qxf2 52.Ke5 Qe3+ 53.Kd6 f2
Black mates. **54.b7**



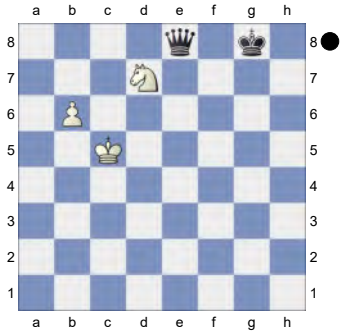
Bxb7! 55.Nxb7
[55.f7+ Kxf7]
55...f1Q



56.Nc5 Qxf6+ 57.Kxd5 Qef3+ 58.Kc4 Qe3 59.b6 Qfxd4+ 60.Kb5 Qe2+



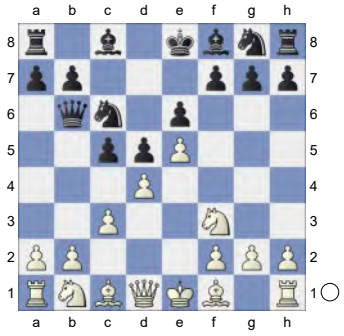
61.Kc6 Qe8+ 62.Nd7 Qc5+ 63.Kxc5



Never resign too early!
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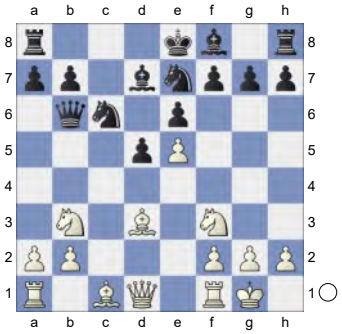
59 **C02**
□ **SpunchBob7** **3025**
■ **GMVallejo** **2914**
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[Kitty Kat]

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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



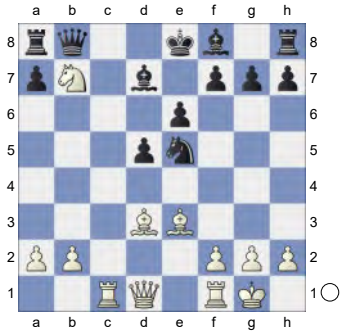
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.Nb3 Nge7

(Diagram)

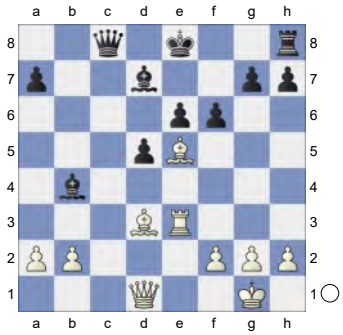


11.Be3 Qd8 0.19/19
[11...Qc7∓ -0.31/17 12.Rc1 Ng6 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Ba3 Qf4 18.Rfe1 Kd8 19.g3 Qf6 20.Bd6 Nd4 21.Bc7+ Ke8 22.Qxd5 Nf3+ 23.Kf1 Rc8 24.Bb5 Qe7 25.Bxb6 Rb8 26.Bxd7+ Qxd7 1-0 (42) Csom, E (2369)-Marcinkiewicz,A (2521) Corsican Open 1998]
12.Nc5= Ng6N
[12...b6 13.Nb7 1-0 Kilic,E (2414)-Santos Flores,A (2164) Titled Tuesday intern op 16th May Early blitz 2023 (5)]
[12...Rb8 13.Rc1 Ng6 14.Re1 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bd4 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 22) French Defense: The 'Smer-French Smerden Mbg Mainlines]
13.Rc1 -0.19/18
[13.Nxb7± 0.49/19 Qb8 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Bxc5]
13...Ngxe5 0.87/22
[13...Bxc5= -0.19/18 14.Bxc5 Ncxe5]
14.Nxe5 0.45/19
[14.Nxb7± 0.87/22 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3]
14...Nxe5± 15.Nxb7 Qb8

(Diagram)

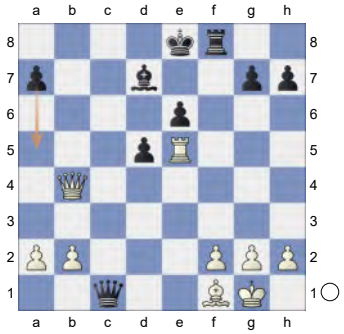


16.Bf4 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **16...Qxb7** 0.81/16
[16...g6!± 0.43/20]
17.Bxe5± Rc8 18.Rxc8+ 0.67/19
[18.Qh5± 1.08/19]
18...Qxc8± 19.Re1 Bb4 1.16/19
[19...Qc6± 0.53/19]
20.Re3? -0.68/18
[20.Qg4± 1.16/19 Bf8 *(20...Bxe1? 21.Qxg7 Bb4 22.Qxh8+ Ke7 23.Qf6+ Ke8 24.Bf4+-)* 21.h4 *(21.Bxg7? Rg8-+)*]
20...f6!∓
[20...0-0? 21.Bxg7 Kxg7 22.Qg4+ Kh8 23.Qxb4+-]



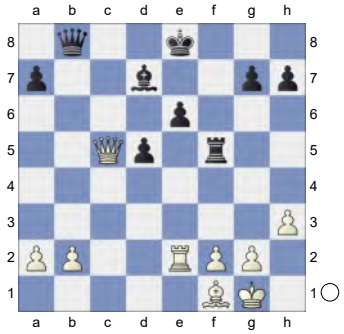
21.Qh5+ Ke7 0.72/21
[21...Kd8∓ -0.71/18 stays on course. 22.Bc3 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Qxc3]
22.Qg4± fxe5
[22...Qc1+? 23.Bf1 Kf7 24.Qxb4+-]
23.Qxb4+ Ke8 1.73/20
[23...Kf7± 0.72/21]
24.Rxe5+- Qc1+ 1.96/20

[24...g6± 1.24/20 25.g3 Rf8]
25.Bf1 1.11/19
[25.Re1+- 1.96/20 Qc7 26.Qh4]
25...Rf8±

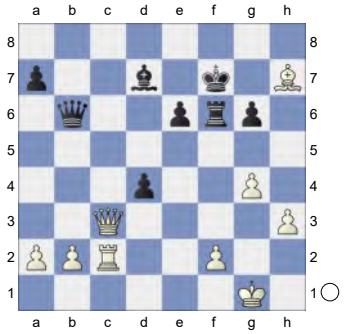


26.Qb8+ 0.65/21
[26.Re2± 1.27/21]
26...Ke7± 27.Qb4+ -0.01/17 The board is on fire.
[27.Qxa7± 0.86/22 Qxb2 28.Rh5]
27...Ke8!= 28.Re2 Qb4-a5 would now be deadly. **28...Qf4** 1.63/21
[28...Qc7± 0.98/21]
29.Qc5+- Qb8 2.85/20
[29...d4± 1.44/21 30.g3 Deflection *(30.Qxa7 d3±)* 30...Qf3 31.Qxd4 Bc6 32.Rxe6+ Kf7 33.Rxc6 *(33.Qxa7+? perishes. Kxe6 34.Bc4+ Ke5-+)* 33...Qxc6]
30.h3? 0.73/21
[30.Qxd5+- 2.85/20 is the precise move to win. Hoping for Qd5-h5+. h6 31.Qd3]
30...Rf5 1.26/20
[⌓30...Qb6 0.73/21 31.Qa3 *(31.Qxd5 Qxf2+ 32.Rxf2 exd5±)* 31...Kf7]

(Diagram)

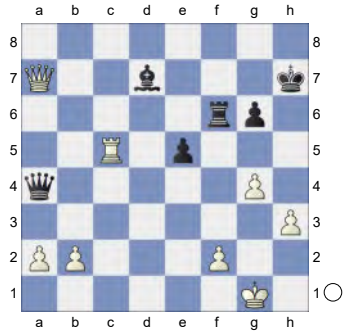


31.Rc2 Qb6 32.Qc3 Kf7 1.71/21
[32...Rg5± 1.10/19 keeps fighting.]
33.Bd3 Rf6 34.Bxh7 g6 35.g4 -0.16/21
[35.h4± 1.25/20]
35...d4!=

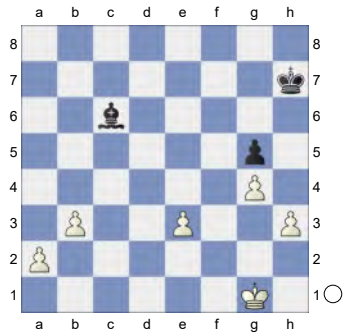


36.Qg3 -0.62/21
[36.Qc7= 0.01/23 Ke7 37.a4]
36...Kg7 0.01/24
[36...e5!∓ -0.62/21 37.Qxe5 Qd6]
37.Qe5⇄ White has counterplay
37...Qb5 38.Qxd4 e5 39.Qxa7
[39.Qd1!?]
39...Kxh7 40.Rc5 -0.85/23
[40.Qc5= -0.17/21 Rf3 41.Qxb5 *(41.Qe7+ Kg8=)* 41...Bxb5 42.Rc5]
40...Qa4 0.23/19
[40...Qd3∓ -0.85/23 (-> ...Qd3-d1+) 41.Rxe5 Rf7]

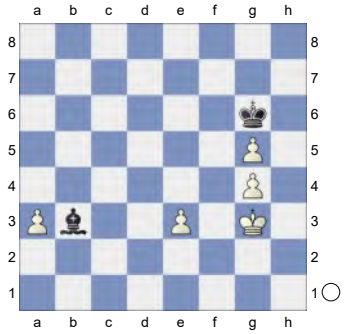
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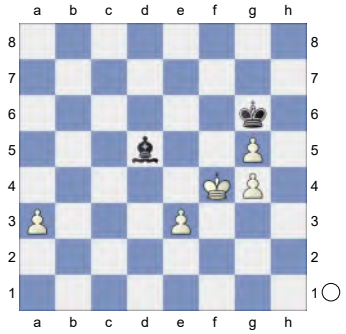
41.Qxa4 Bxa4 Endgame. KRB-KR **42.b3 Bc6 43.Rxe5 Rf3 44.Re3** Black must now prevent Re3xf3. **44...Rxe3** 0.71/20
[44...Rf4= 0.01/21 remains equal.]
45.fxe3 KB-KP **45...g5** 1.52/26
[45...Kh6± 0.59/25]



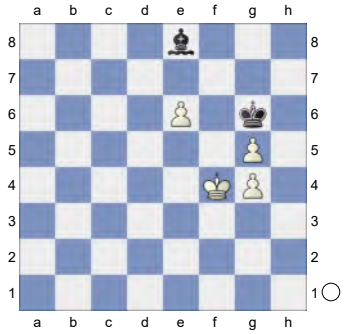
46.Kf2 0.08/26
[Only move: 46.a4!± 1.52/26]
46...Be4 1.36/26
[46...Bd5= 0.08/26]
47.Kg3 0.41/27
[47.a4± 1.36/26]
47...Kg6 1.02/25
[47...Bd5!± 0.41/27]
48.h4 0.25/26
[48.a4± 1.02/25]
48...Bb1? 2.56/25
[48...Bd5!= 0.25/26]
49.a3? 0.62/26
[49.h5++- 2.56/25 Kf6 50.a4]
49...Bc2 50.hxg5 0.00/26
[White should play 50.b4± 0.95/24 Strongly threatening b4-b5. gxh4+ 51.Kxh4]
50...Bxb3



51.Kf4 Bd5? 2.94/29
[51...Ba4= 0.00/30]

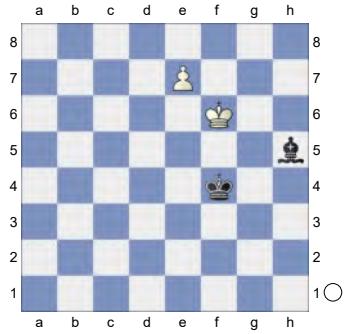


52.e4? 0.00/27
[White must play 52.a4!+- 2.94/29 Bc4 53.e4]
52...Bc6 The position is equal. **53.e5 Bd7 54.a4** Deflection **54...Bxa4** KB-K3P **55.e6 Be8**

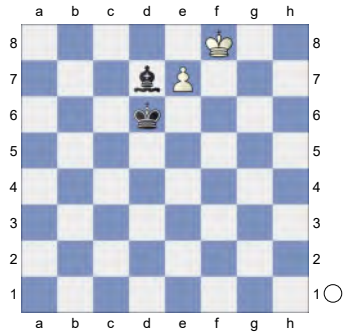


56.Ke5 Kxg5 57.Kd6 Kxg4 KB-KP **58.Ke7 Bg6 59.Kf6 Bh5 60.e7 Kf4**

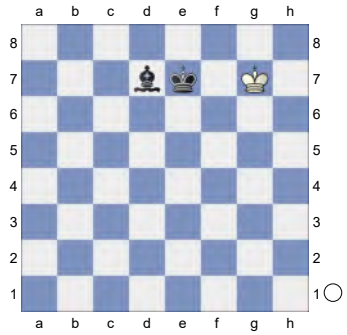
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61.Kg7 Be8 62.Kf8 Bd7 63.Kf7 Ke5 64.Kg7 Ke6 65.Kf8 Kd6



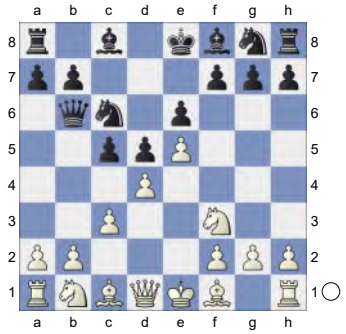
66.Kf7 Ke5 67.Kg6 Ke6 68.Kg7 Kxe7



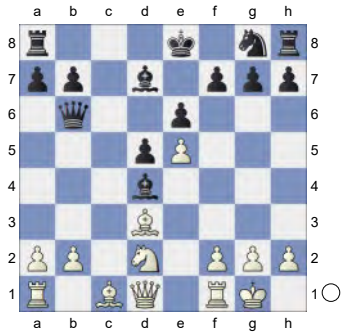
White really could win this.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.52/ Black=0.48
½-½

60 **C02**
□ **DeadNA** **2917**
■ **CheeseMuffin** **2835**
Blitz 12.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4



11.Nf3 Bc5 The position is equal. **12.b4** -0.53/19 **Be7N** 0.80/20
[Don't play 12...Bxb4?! 13.Rb1 Qc5 14.Qb3±]
[12...Qxb4∓ -0.53/19 keeps the upper hand.
A) 13.Ng5 Qa4 14.Qe2 *(14.Qh5 Nh6 15.Nxh7 Rxh7 16.Bxh7 Qg4 17.Qh3 Qxh3 18.gxh3 Bc6 19.Rb1 Kd7 20.Rb3 Rh8 21.Bd3 Nf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Kg2 Ke6 24.Rg3 d4+ 25.Kg1 g6 26.Ba3 Bb6 27.Bd6 Rh4 28.Rd1 Re4*

0-1 (34) Tsamriuk (2421)-Ruman,I (2461) 8/639 Amsterdam 1969 (5)*)* 14...Nh6 15.Nxh7 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Ng5 *(17.Qh5 Be6 18.Nf6+ Ke7 19.Nh7 Kd7* 10. 6. Bd3-New mainline*)* 17...Bb5 18.Qd1 Bxf2+ 19.Kxf2 Qh4+ 20.Kf3 Rc8 10. 6. Bd3-New mainline;

B) 13.Rb1 Qa4 *(13...Qa5 14.Rxb7 Ne7 15.Ng5 Bc6 16.Bd2 Qd8 17.Qf3 Rf8 18.Rb3 h6 19.Rc1 Bb6 20.Nh7 Rg8 21.Nf6+ gxf6 22.exf6 Ng6 23.Rxc6 Ne5 24.Rxe6+ fxe6 25.Qh5+ Nf7 26.Bb5+ Kf8 27.Bb4+ Nd6 28.Rf3* 1-0 (31) Ughuzov,R (2250)-Baghirov,O (1989) AZE-ch 1st League 2025 (1)*)* 14.Qxa4 Bxa4 15.Rxb7 Bb6 16.Ng5 Nh6 17.Ba3 Bd8 18.h4 a6 19.Rc1 Bd7 20.g3 Be7 21.Rcc7 Bxa3 22.Rxd7 0-0 23.Bxh7+ Kh8 24.Bd3 Ng4 25.Rxf7 Nxe5 26.Rxg7 Rf6 27.Rh7+ Kg8 28.Rbg7+ Kf8 ½-½ (34) Mason,D (2067)-Dignam,M (2057) Daventry 4NCL Easter op 3rd 2023 (7)]

13.Be3± Qd8 14.Nd4 0.13/16

[14.Qd2± 0.82/18]

14...Nh6 1.36/17

[14...Qb8!= 0.13/16]

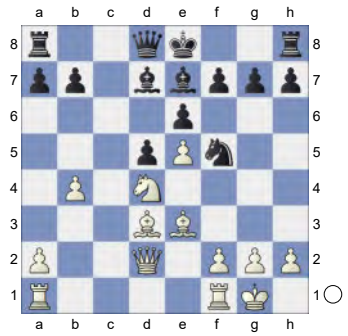
15.Qd2? -0.29/23 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive.

[15.Qh5± 1.36/17]

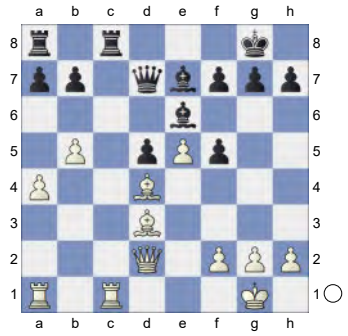
15...Nf5 0.09/22

[15...Ng4 -0.29/23 should be considered. 16.Bf4 g5]

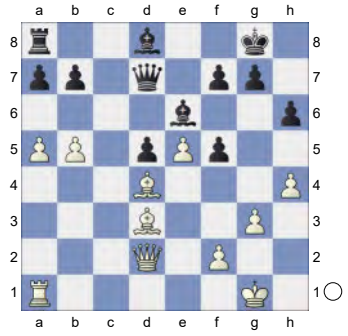
(Diagram)



16.Nxf5= exf5 17.a4 0-0 18.Bd4 Be6 19.b5 Qd7 20.Rfc1 Rfc8



21.a5 Rxc1+ 22.Rxc1 Bd8 23.Ra1 h6 24.g3 Be7 25.h4 White has compensation. **25...Bd8**



26.Qc3 -0.30/24

[⌓26.h5 0.13/21]

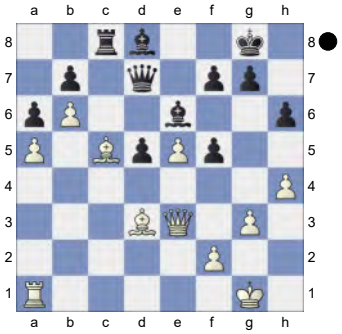
26...Rc8 27.Qd2 Ra8 Black is weak on the dark squares **28.Qe3 a6 29.b6** -0.49/22

[29.bxa6!± 0.31/22 bxa6 30.h5]

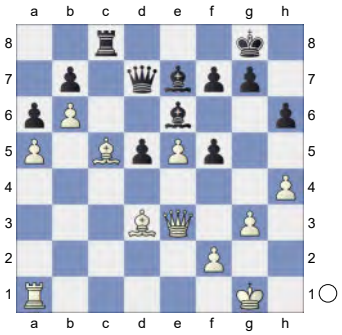
29...Rc8∓ 30.Bc5 -1.38/20

[30.Qd2∓ -0.51/22]

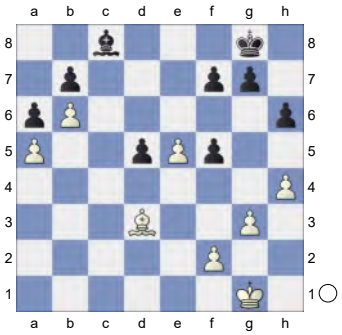
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30...Be7 0.00/27
[30...f4!∓ -1.38/20 31.gxf4 Bxh4]

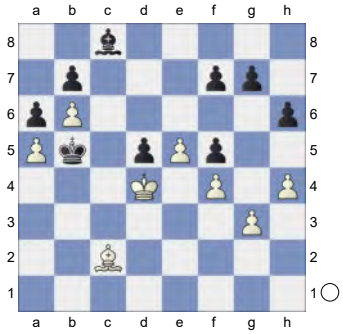


31.Bxe7= Qxe7 32.Rc1 Qd7 33.Qf4 Rxc1+ 34.Qxc1 Qc8? 5.73/22
[34...d4= 0.00/26]
35.Qxc8++- White is clearly winning.
35...Bxc8 Endgame.

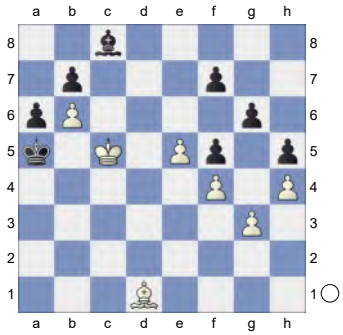


KB-KB **36.f4! Kf8 37.Kf2 Ke7 38.Ke3 Kd7** 11.22/23
[⌓38...Kd8 4.90/21 39.h5 g6]
39.Kd4 Kc6 40.Bc2 Kb5

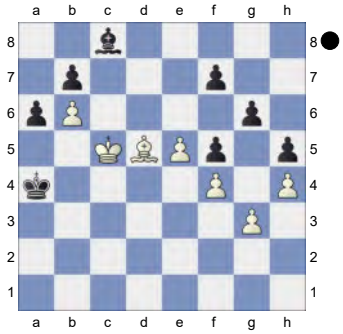
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Dodges Bc2-a4+ **41.Kxd5 Kxa5 42.Kc5 Be6 43.Bd3 h5 44.Bc2 g6 45.Bd1 Bc8**



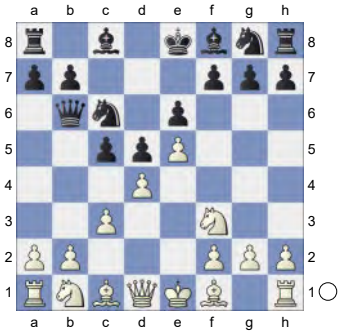
46.Bf3 Ka4 47.Bd5



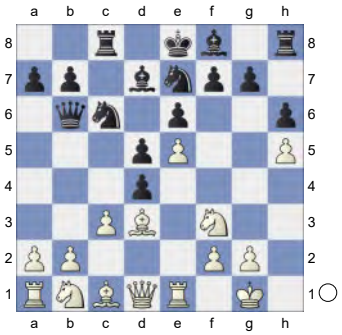
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.58
1-0

61 **C02**
□ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
■ **So,Wesley** **2752**
Titled Tue 5. Dec Early (10) 05.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

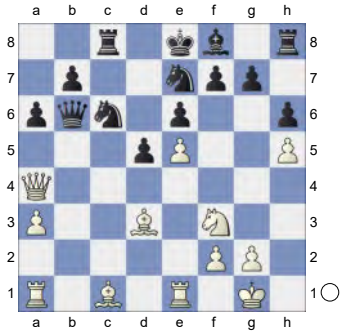


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8

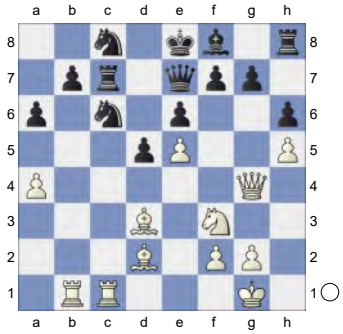


11.a3 a6
[11...dxc3 with more complications. 12.Nxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Nc4]
12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6

(Diagram)

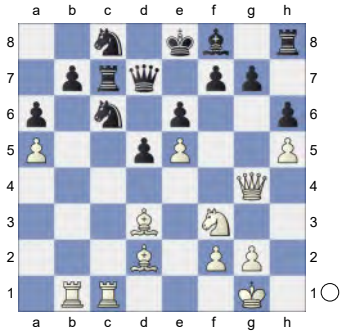


16.Rb1 Qa5N
[16...Qc7 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4 21.g3 Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc4 26.Bc3 f6 27.Bd4 Kf7 28.Nh4 e5 29.Ng6 Rg8 30.Bf2 Bd6 31.Rd1 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Galchenko,M (2438) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (55)]
17.Qg4 Rc7 18.a4 Nc8 0.99/22
[18...Qc3= 0.01/19 keeps the balance. 19.Rd1 Rd7]
19.Bd2± White has strong compensation. **19...Qc5 20.Rec1↑** Keeping Black busy. **20...Qe7** 1.85/19
[20...Qa7± 0.96/22 was worth a try.]

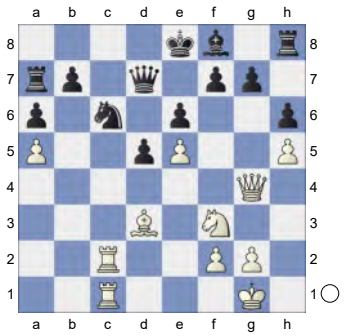


21.a5? 0.29/19
[21.Rxb7!+- 1.85/19 Rxb7 22.Rxc6]
21...Qd7 1.13/20
[21...N8a7!= 0.29/19]

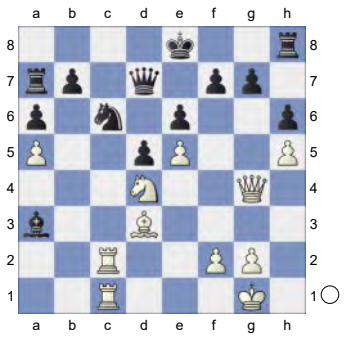
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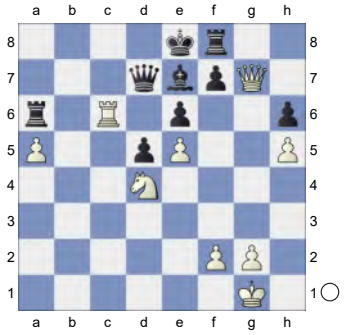
22.Rc2 0.12/20
[22.Bc2!± 1.13/20]
22...N8a7 1.17/21
[22...N8e7= 0.12/20 remains equal.]
23.Rbc1 0.20/19
0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed.
[23.Be3± 1.17/21]
23...Rc8 0.69/21
[23...Nc8= 0.20/19]
24.Be3± Ra8? 3.58/21
[Better is 24...Rg8!± 0.65/19]
25.Bxa7+- Rxa7



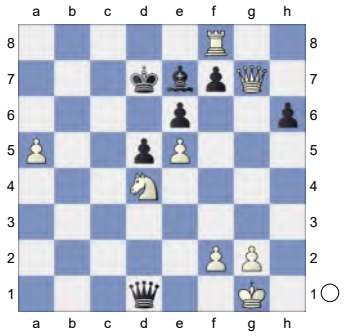
26.Nd4 Ba3



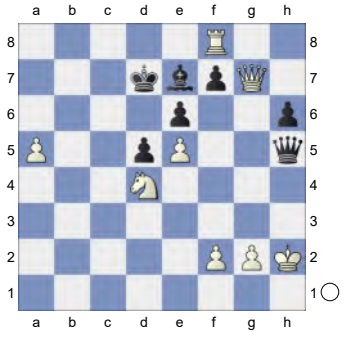
27.Qxg7 Rf8 28.Rxc6 bxc6 29.Rxc6 Be7 30.Bxa6 Rxa6 6.50/21
[30...Qxc6 3.15/21 31.Nxc6 Rxa6]



31.Rxa6 Ra8+ is the strong threat.
31...Qa4 32.Ra8+ Kd7 33.Rxf8? 0.01/18
[33.Ra7++- 7.77/22 Ke8 34.Nf3]
33...Qd1+= The position is equal.
34.Kh2 Qxh5+ 35.Kg1! Qd1+



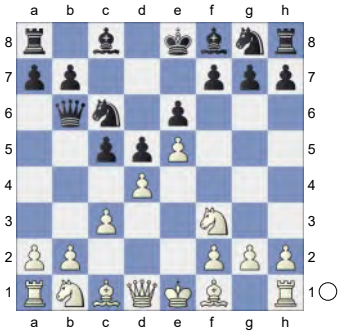
36.Kh2 Qh5+ 37.Kg1! Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Qh5+



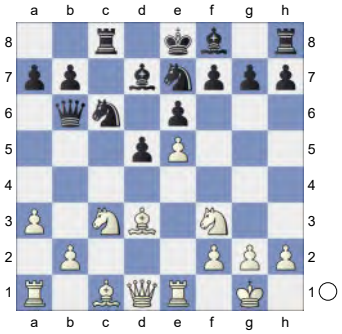
Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.50/ Black=0.43
½-½

62 **C02**
□ **elconceto** **2899**
■ **jasardo20043** **2875**
Blitz 25.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

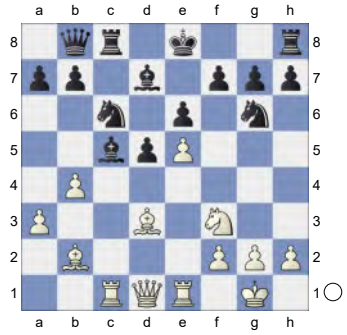
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



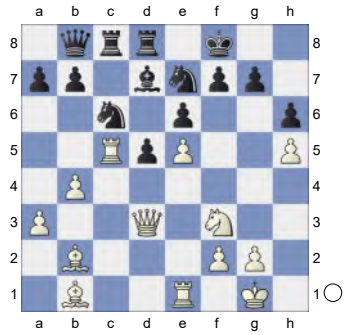
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 dxc3 9.Nxc3 White is slightly better. **9...Rc8 10.a3** White has compensation. **10...Nge7**



11.Na4
[11.h4 a6 12.b4 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Rxc3 14.Be3 Qd8 15.Bd4 Rc8 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qf3 Nf5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Nxd7 Kxd7 20.Bxh8 Bxb4 21.axb4 Qxh8 22.Rac1 Qd4 23.Rxc8 Kxc8 24.Qg3 Qg4 25.Rc1+ Kd7 1-0 (27) Pellicer Pi,J (1798)-Pontiroli,L (1687) Sitges Sunway op-A 11th 2024 (5)]
11...Qc7 12.b4 Ng6 13.Bb2 Qb8N 0.78/22
[13...Be7± 0.40/19 14.Rc1]
14.Rc1± Be7 Repels h2-h4 **15.Nc5! Bxc5**

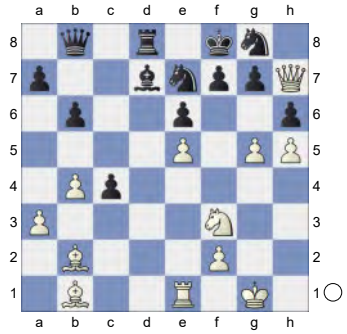


16.Rxc5 0-0 1.49/18
[⌓16...a6 0.89/19]
17.h4! h6 2.48/20
[17...b6± 1.51/19 18.Rc1 d4]
18.h5!+- Nge7 19.Bb1 Black is weak on the dark squares **19...Rfd8 20.Qd3 Kf8**



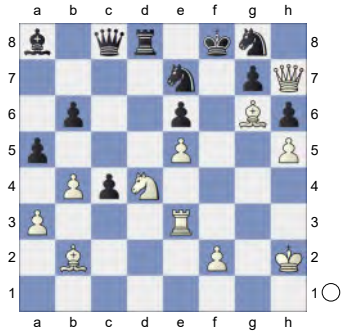
21.Qh7 Ng8 22.g4 2.31/19
[⌓22.Rc3 4.81/19]
22...b6 3.34/20
[22...Nce7 2.31/19 is a better defense. 23.g5 Rxc5 24.bxc5 hxg5]
23.Rc3 Nce7 24.g5 Rc3-e3 would now be deadly. **24...Rc4** 3.14/19
[24...Rxc3 1.94/21 was called for. 25.Bxc3 Qc7 26.gxh6 gxh6]
25.Rxc4 dxc4

(Diagram)

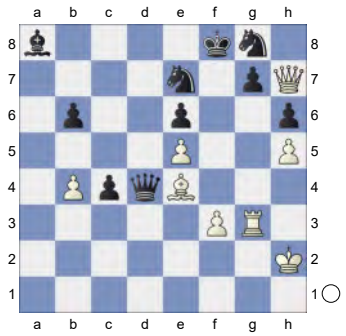


26.g6? 0.00/23
[26.gxh6+- 2.84/19 Nxh6 27.Qh8+ Neg8 28.Ng5]
26...fxg6= aiming for ...Bd7-e8. **27.Nd4**
[27.Bxg6 Nxg6 28.Qxg6 *(28.hxg6? Bc6-+)* 28...Ne7=]
[27.hxg6 Bc6∓]
27...Qc8 28.Re3
[28.Bxg6? c3 29.Ba1 *(29.Bc1? Be8-+)* 29...Be8 30.Bxc3 Bxg6 *(30...Nxg6 31.hxg6 Qxc3 32.Nxe6+ Ke7 33.Qxg7+ Kxe6 34.Qxg8+ Kd7 35.Rd1+ Kc7 36.Qg7+ Rd7 37.Rxd7+ Bxd7 38.Qf6=)* 31.hxg6 Qxc3-+]
28...Bc6 Dodges Re3-f3+
[28...Nf5? 29.Bxf5 exf5 30.e6+- *(30.hxg6 Be6∓)*]
29.Bxg6 -1.07/23
[29.hxg6 Rxd4 30.Bxd4 Qd7-+]
[29.Nxc6!= 0.00/23 Qxc6 30.Be4]
29...Ba8? 2.51/21 Dancing on a razor blade.
[29...Rxd4∓ -1.07/23 and life is bright. 30.Bxd4 Nxg6 31.Qxg6 *(31.hxg6? Qd7-+)* 31...Ne7]
30.Kh2?? -3.87/23
[30.Bc2!+- 2.51/21]
30...a5?? 3.41/20
[30...Rxd4!-+ -3.87/23 31.Bxd4 Qd8]

(Diagram)



31.Rg3+- axb4? 5.68/22
[31...Rxd4 3.40/24 32.Bxd4 Qc6]
32.axb4
[32.Bc2 b3 33.Qxg7+ Ke8 34.Bg6+ Kd7±]
32...Rxd4 33.Bxd4 This pair of bishops is nice. **33...Qc6 34.f3! Qd5 35.Be4?** 0.93/21
[35.Bxb6 Qxe5 36.Kh3 Qf6±]
[35.Bc3+- 2.86/19 Qd1 36.Qxg7+ Decoy Kxg7 37.Bc2+ Discovered Attack (Check) Kf7 38.Bxd1]
35...Qxd4±



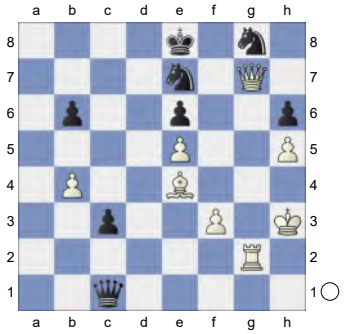
36.Qxg7+
[36.Bxa8? Nf5 *(36...Qxe5? 37.Be4-+)* 37.Rg2 Qxe5+ 38.Kh3 Nf6 39.Qh8+ Kf7-+]
36...Ke8 37.Bxa8 Kh2-h3 is the strong threat. **37...c3** Threatens to win with ... c3-c2! **38.Be4** 0.00/24
[38.Bc6+!± 0.59/19 Nxc6 39.Qxg8+ Kd7 40.Qh7+ Kc8 41.Rg8+ *(41.Qxh6 Qf2+ 42.Kh3 Qf1+ 43.Kh4 Nd4±)* 41...Nd8 42.Qc2 *(42.Qxh6 Qf2+ 43.Rg2 Qh4+ 44.Kg1 Qe1+*

45.Kh2 Qh4+ 46.Kg1 Qe1+ 47.Kh2 Qh4+=)]

38...Qd2+? 5.71/22

[38...c2= 0.00/24 39.Bg6+ *(39.Bxc2 Qf2+ 40.Rg2 Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Qh4+ 43.Kg1 Qe1+ 44.Kh2 Qh4+=)* 39...Kd7 40.Bxc2 Qf2+ 41.Rg2 Qh4+ 42.Kg1 Qe1+ 43.Kh2 Qh4+ 44.Kg1 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qh4+]

39.Rg2+- Qf4+ 40.Kh3 Qc1



41.Rc2 Qh1+ 42.Rh2

[42.Kg3 Qg1+ 43.Rg2 Qh1+-]

42...Qf1+ 43.Rg2 2.19/17

[⌓43.Qg2 4.33/21 Qb5 44.Qg3]

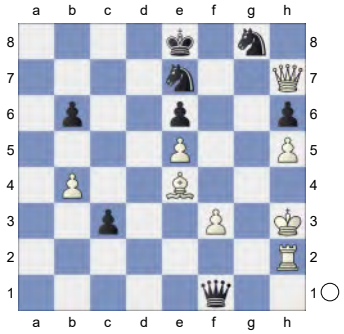
43...Qc1 7.14/16

[43...Qh1+ 2.19/17 44.Rh2 Qd1]

44.Qh7 3.03/19

[⌓44.Rg1 7.14/16 Qf4 45.Rd1]

44...Qh1+ 45.Rh2 Qf1+



46.Rg2 0.31/18

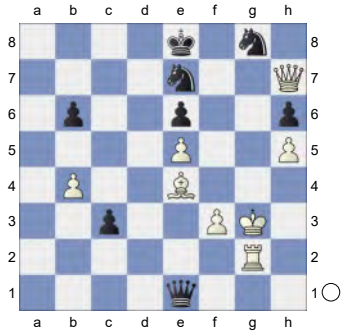
[White has to play 46.Kg3!± 1.53/19]

46...Qh1+? 2.80/29

[46...c2!± 0.31/18 47.Bxc2 Qxf3+ 48.Kh2 Qxh5+ 49.Kg1 Qxe5]

47.Kg3 And now Kg3-f2 would win.

47...Qe1+



48.Kh3? 0.00/18

[48.Kg4!+- 2.54/27]

48...c2? #8/15 **49.Bxc2?** 2.50/16

[49.Bc6+ #8/15 mates Kd8 50.Qd3+ *(50.Rxg8+ Kc7 51.Qxe7+ Kxc6 52.Qd6+ Kb5 53.Qd3+ Ka4 54.Qxc2+ Kb5 55.Qd3+ Ka4)* 50...Nd5 51.Rxg8+ Kc7 52.Rc8+ Decoy *(52.Bxd5 Qh1+ 53.Kg4 Qg2+ 54.Kh4 Qh2+ 55.Kg4 Qg2+ 56.Kh4 Qh2+ 57.Kg4 Qg2+=)* 52...Kxc8 53.Qa6+ *(53.Qxc2 Qh1+ 54.Kg3 Qg1+ 55.Qg2 Qe1+ 56.Kh2 Qxe5+ 57.Kg1 Qe3+ 58.Kh2 Qf4+ 59.Kh3 Qf5+ 60.Qg4 Nf6∓* Pin *)* 53...Kd8 54.Qa8+ Kc7 55.Qb7+ Kd8 56.Qd7#]

49...Kd7? 7.91/19

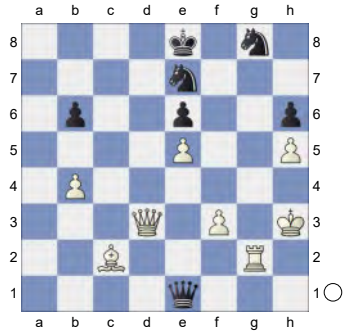
[49...Qh1+ 2.50/16 50.Kg3 Qe1+ 51.Kg4 Qxe5 52.Bg6+ Kd7]

50.Qd3+

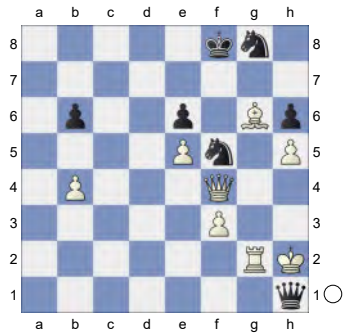
[50.Rxg8 Qh1+ 51.Kg4 Qg1+ 52.Kf4 Qc1+ 53.Kg3 Qg1+ 54.Kf4 Qc1+ 55.Kg3 Qg1+ 56.Kh3 Qh1+ 57.Kg4 Qg1+ 58.Kh3 Qh1+=]

50...Ke8

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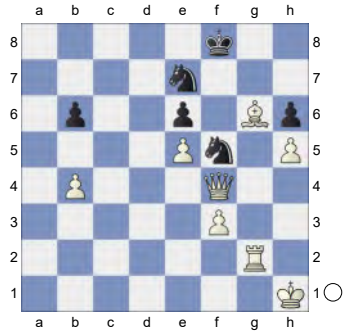


51.Qd2 4.25/21
[⌓51.Ba4+ #4/16 b5 52.Qxb5+ *(52.Bxb5+ Kf8 53.Qd8+ Kf7 54.Qe8#)* 52...Nc6 53.Qxc6+ Kf8 54.Qe8#]
51...Qh1+ 52.Kg3 Hoping for Bc2-g6+.
52...Qa1 53.Bg6+ Kf8 54.Kh2 4.08/17
[⌓54.Qf4+ 16.75/21 Nf5+ 55.Bxf5 exf5 56.Kh2 *(56.Qxf5+ Ke8 57.Kh2 Ne7 58.Qe6 Kd8 59.Qxb6+ Ke8 60.Qe6 Kf8 61.Qxh6+ Ke8)* 56...Ne7 57.Qxh6+ Ke8 58.Qh8+ *(58.Qxb6 Qxe5+ 59.Kh3 Qe1+-)* 58...Kd7 59.e6+ Kd6 60.Qxa1]
54...Nf5 #3/15
[54...Qxe5++- 4.08/17 55.Kg1 Nd5]
55.Qf4 5.96/19
[⌓55.Qd8+ #3/15 Kg7 56.Bh7+ Decoy Kxh7 57.Qxg8#]
55...Qh1+

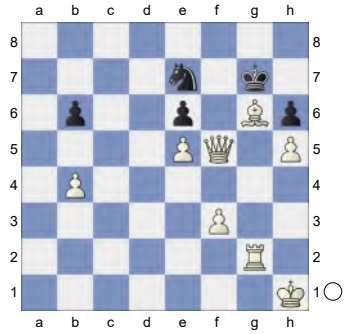


56.Kxh1 Nge7

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57.Qxf5+ 11.29/24 **Kg7**

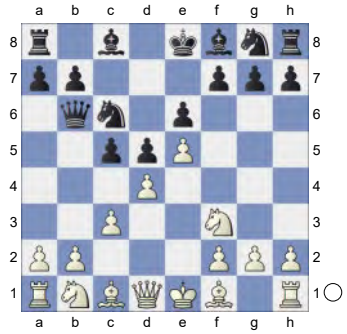


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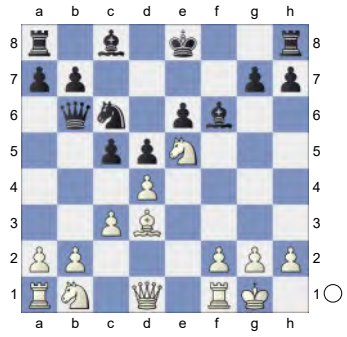
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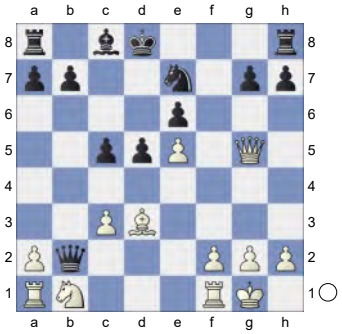


6.Bd3 0.00/18
[6.a3± 0.32/17 was preferrable.]
6...f6 0.49/17
[6...cxd4= 0.00/18
A) 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 *(8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Nb3 Nc6 12.Qg3 g6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 b6 15.Rac1 Qb7 16.Qf2 h5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nxa5 bxa5 19.Qd2 Be7 20.Qxa5 Bd8 21.Qd2 Bb6 22.Bxb6 Qxb6+* Kulich,F (2028)-Kedrzynski,A (1462) Jaen Liptovsky 2023 1-0 (59) *)* 8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Nf8 15.Rb1 h6 16.c4 Nb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nfd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bg4 20.Bd2 Ne6 21.Qg3 Nxd4 Corominas Garrido,A (2389)-Reichardt,J (2204) corr Cuba 2023 CB on-line [John Watson] 1-0;
B) 7.cxd4 Bd7]
7.0-0± fxe5 8.Nxe5 Threatens to win with Qh5+. **8...Nf6N** Against Qh5+. White is slightly better.
[8...Nxe5 9.dxe5 Ne7 10.Be3 Nc6 11.b4 Nxe5 12.Re1 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 c4 14.Bxb6 cxd3 15.Bd4 Bd7 16.Re3 0-0-0 17.Bxa7 Kc7 18.Bd4 Re8 19.Nd2 Bb5 20.a4 Bc4 21.Nf3 Rg8 22.Ne5 Be7 23.Nxd3 Bauer,S-Leidig,A Vrnjacka Banja 1993 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh] 1-0 (37) Bxd3 24.Rxd3 Ra8 25.Re3 Kd7 26.a5 g5 27.Rh3 Rgc8 28.Rxh7 Rc7 29.Re1 b6 30.axb6 Rb7 31.Rh6 Bd8 32.Rhxe6 Kc8 33.g3 Ra6 34.Rc6+ Kb8 35.Be5+ Ka8 36.Rc8+ Rb8 37.Rxb8# 1-0 (37) Marandich,G-Ladjouze,H Bratislava 1993 [ChessCalisthenics]]
9.Bg5 Strongly threatening Bxf6. **9...Be7**
10.Bxf6 &Bianco is more active.
10...Bxf6



11.Qh5+ Ke7 12.Qf7+
[Avoid the trap 12.dxc5? Qxb2 13.Qf7+ Kd8-+]
12...Kd8 13.Qh5? -1.63/21
[13.Ng4± 0.40/19 keeps the upper hand. Be7 14.Qxg7]
13...Bxe5-+
[Worse is 13...Qxb2 14.Nf7+ Kc7 15.Nxh8∓]
14.dxe5 Qxb2 15.Qg5+ Ne7 -0.85/20
[15...Kc7!-+ -2.14/19 16.Qd2 *(16.Qxg7+? Bd7-+)* 16...Qxd2 17.Nxd2 Nxe5]

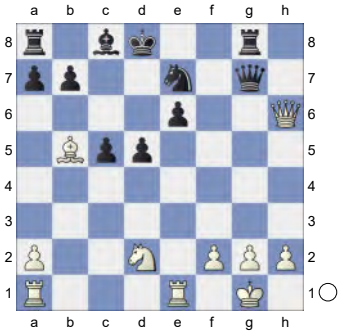
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16.Nd2 Qxc3 17.Bb5 Ne4! is the strong threat. **17...h6 18.Qxg7 Rg8 19.Qxh6 Qxe5 20.Rfe1** -1.21/18

[Better is 20.g3 -0.83/19]

20...Qg7



21.Qxg7 Rxg7 22.Nf3 a6 23.Bd3 -1.81/20

[23.Bf1∓ -1.35/19]

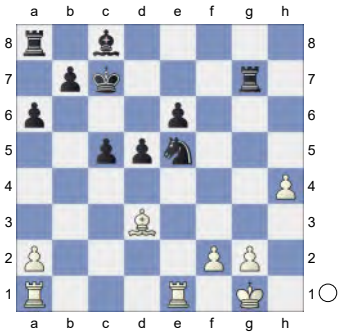
23...Nc6 -1.34/19

[23...c4-+ -1.81/20 24.Bf1 Kc7]

24.Ne5 -2.12/19

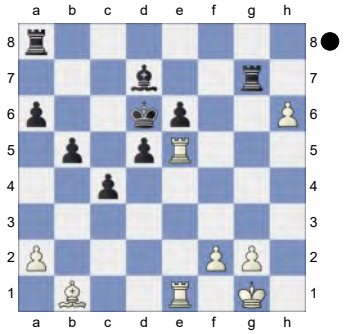
[24.Rad1∓ -1.34/19 was necessary.]

24...Kc7 25.h4 Nxe5

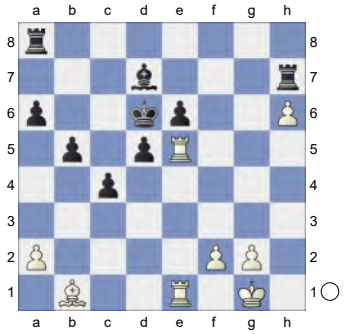


26.Rxe5 Kd6 27.Rae1 c4 28.Bb1 b5 29.h5 Bd7 30.h6

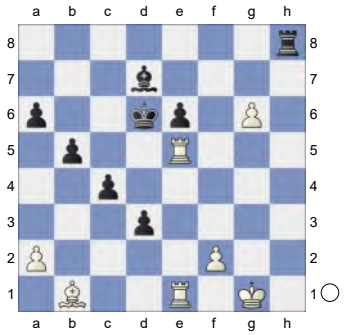
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Rh7 3.89/18



31.Bxh7+- Rh8 32.Bb1 Rxh6 33.g4 d4 34.g5 Rh8 35.g6 d3



36.g7 Rg8 37.Rg5 b4 38.Kg2 Ke7 39.Rh1 1.95/22

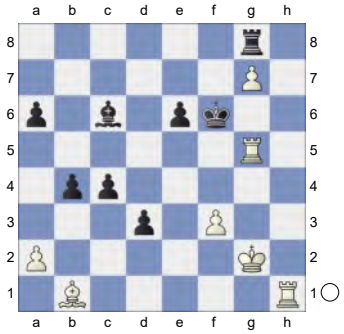
[⌓39.Kf3 4.29/18]

39...Bc6+ 2.75/21

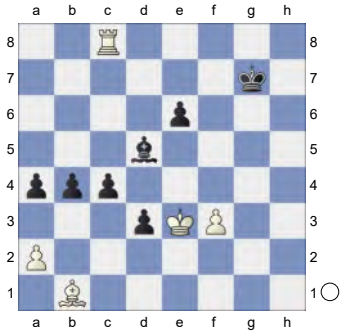
[⌓39...Kf6 1.95/22 40.Rc5 Rxg7+ 41.Kf3 Bb5 42.Rh6+ Kf7 43.Rc7+ Kg8 44.Rxg7+ Kxg7 45.Rxe6 c3]

40.f3 Kf6

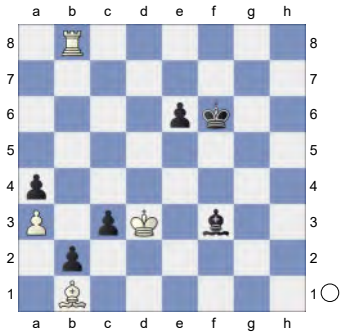
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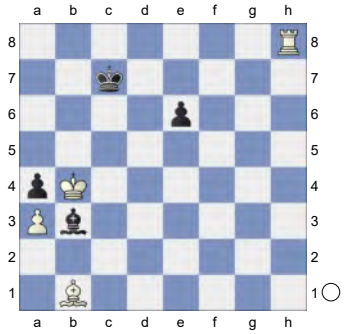
41.Rh8? 0.65/20 **Rxg7± 42.Rxg7 Kxg7 43.Rc8** 0.00/21
[43.Rd8± 0.81/22]
43...Bd5 White must now prevent ...d2. **44.Kf2** Hoping for Ke3. **44...a5?** 3.57/22 White stays focused until the end.
[44...d2!= -0.01/22 and Black stays safe. 45.Bc2 c3]
45.Ke3 a4



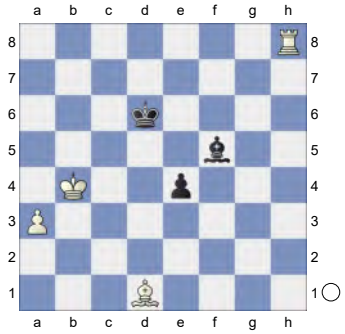
46.Rb8 b3 47.a3 c3? 6.73/25
[47...Kf6 2.88/23 48.Rb4 Ke7 49.Rxa4 Kd6]
48.Bxd3+- b2 49.Bb1 Kf6 50.Kd3 Bxf3



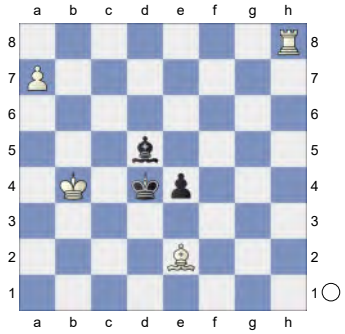
51.Kxc3 aiming for Rf8+. **51...Bd5 52.Kxb2 Ke5 53.Kc3 Kd6 54.Kb4 Kc7 55.Rh8** Kc5 would kill now.
55...Bb3



56.Bd3 Intending Kc5 and mate.
56...Kd6 57.Bc4 Bc2 58.Bb5 Bf5 59.Bxa4 e5 60.Bd1 e4

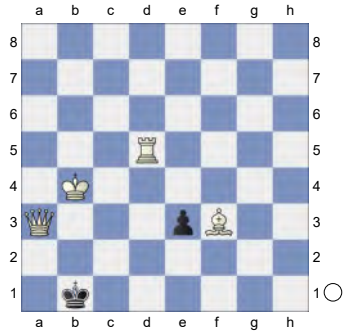


61.a4 White wants to mate with a5.
61...Ke5 62.Be2 Threatening mate with a5. **62...Bd7 63.a5** White mates.
63...Be6 64.a6 Bd5 65.a7 Kd4

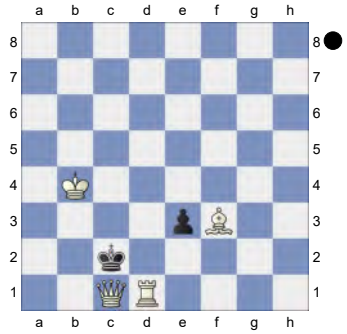


66.Rd8 e3 67.Bf3 Kd3 68.Rxd5+ Kc2 69.a8Q Kb2 70.Qa3+ Kb1

(Diagram)



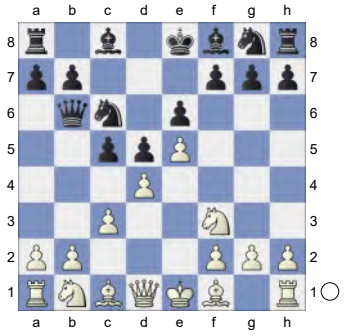
71.Rd1+ Kc2 72.Qc1#



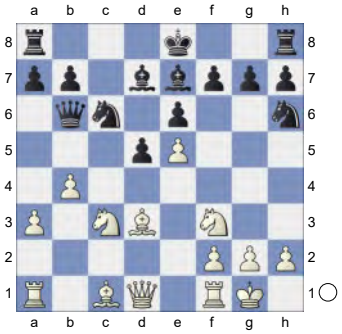
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64 **C02**
□ **Kelevra317** **2938**
■ **Paparama** **2688**
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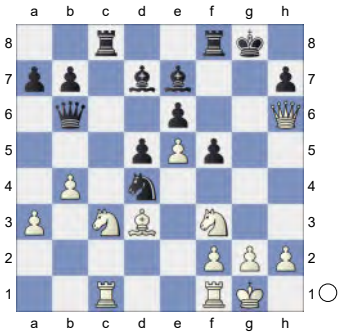
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e6
[3...Nf6 4.d3 g6 5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.Re1 e5 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.a4 Rb8 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Bd2 a6 13.a5 Be6 14.Qa4 h6 15.Nb6 Nd7 16.Nd5 Qc8 17.Nh4 Qd8 18.Kh1 ½-½ (21) Istratescu,A (2545)-Cosma,I (2495) Ciocaltea Memorial 1997 (12)]
4.d4 d5 5.e5N
[5.exd5 exd5 6.Bd3 *(6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Be3 Bd6 11.Qd2 Be6 12.Ng5 Bf5 13.f4 Re8 14.h3 Rc8 15.Nf3 Ne4 16.Nxe4 Bxe4 17.a3 Na5 18.Rac1 Nb3 19.Rxc8 Qxc8 20.Qe1 Bxf3* ½-½ (56) White doesn't Protect c4-2.c4 e5 New York m 1909 (8)*)* 6...cxd4 *(6...Nf6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Be7 9.h3 0-0 10.Nc3 h6 11.Re1 Be6 12.Bf4 Rc8 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.Qd2 Nb4 15.Bb1 Rfe8 16.a3 Nc6 17.Na4 Qd8 18.Nc5 Ne4 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.Bxe4 Bd5 21.Qd3* ½-½ (56) Alcala Leon,D (1957)-Gutierrez Pama,A (1931) COL-ch U18 Florencia Caqueta blitz 2024 (7) *)* 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bg5 Be6 11.Rc1 Be7 12.Bb1 Na5 13.Ne5 Nd7 14.Qh5 f5 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Rfe1 Nf6 17.Qe2 Ne4 18.Qb5 Qd8 19.b4 Nc6 1-0 (32) Kernan,B-Delaney,P IRL-ch Coleraine 1976 (4.1)]
5...Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.20/18
[7.dxc5!± 0.61/20 deserves consideration. Bxc5 8.0-0]
7...Nh6 1.08/19
[7...cxd4= 0.20/18 8.Bc2 dxc3 9.Nxc3 Rc8]
8.a3 0.33/19
[8.dxc5!± 1.08/19 Bxc5 9.b4]
8...cxd4± 9.b4 dxc3 0.81/20
[9...Rc8= 0.22/18 remains equal.]
10.Nxc3± Be7

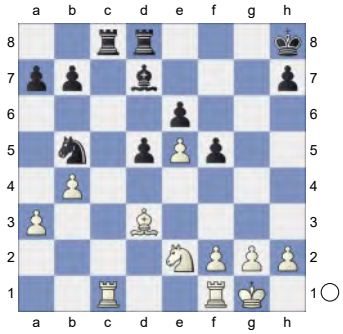


11.Bf4 Rc8 12.Rc1 White is more active. **12...0-0** 1.93/21
[12...Qd8± 0.79/19]
13.Qd2 1.05/22
[13.Bb1!+- 1.93/21]
13...f5 1.45/22
[Don't go for 13...Ng4? 14.h3+-]
[⌓13...Nf5 1.05/22]
14.Bxh6 gxh6 15.Qxh6 Nd4 2.26/24
[15...Kh8± 1.35/20]

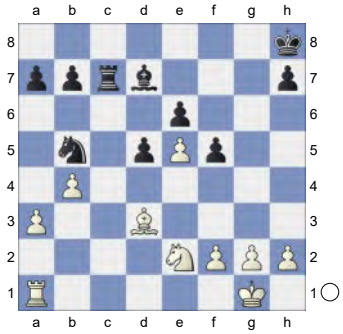


16.Ng5? 0.58/18
[16.Nxd4!+- 2.26/24 Qxd4 17.Bb5 Rxc3 18.Bxd7 Rxc1 19.Qxe6+ *(19.Rxc1 Qxe5 20.Qxe6+ Qxe6±)* 19...Kh8 20.Rxc1]
16...Bxg5± 17.Qxg5+ Kh8 aiming for ...Nd4-f3+! **18.Qe7** 0.00/26
[18.Qh6!± 0.64/26]
18...Qd8= 19.Qxd8 Rfxd8 20.Ne2 Nb5 0.90/22
[20...Nxe2+= -0.29/19 21.Bxe2 Ba4]

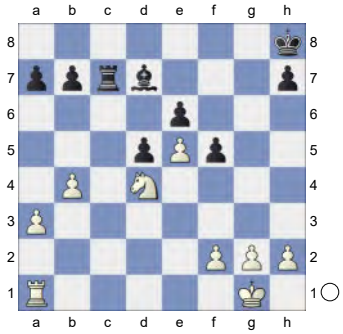
(Diagram)



21.Ra1 0.13/19
[21.a4± 0.90/22 Na3 22.b5]
21...Rc7 1.42/21
[21...d4= 0.13/19 keeps the balance.]
22.Rfc1!± a3-a4 is the strong threat.
22...Rdc8 23.Rxc7 Rxc7

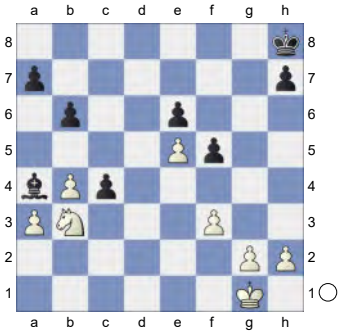


24.Bxb5 0.04/17
[24.Kf1!± 1.21/22]
24...Bxb5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **25.Nd4 Bd7**

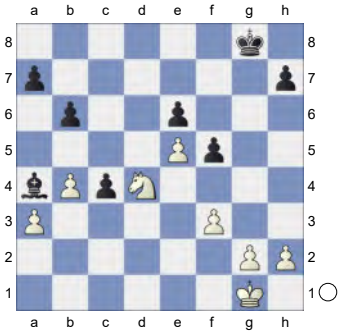


26.f3 Rc4 27.Nb3 b6 Hoping for ...Bd7-a4. **28.Rc1** Black should prevent Rc1xc4. **28...Ba4** 1.10/20
[28...Kg7= 0.11/31]
29.Rxc4 dxc4

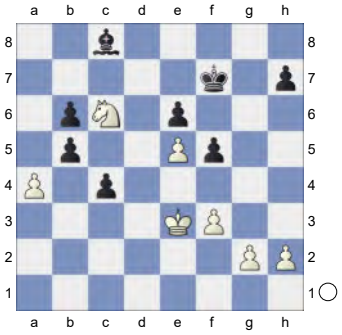
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KB-KN **30.Nd4** 0.07/24
[30.Nc1!± 1.09/31]
30...Kg8? 2.38/23
[30...c3= 0.07/24 and Black has nothing to worry.]

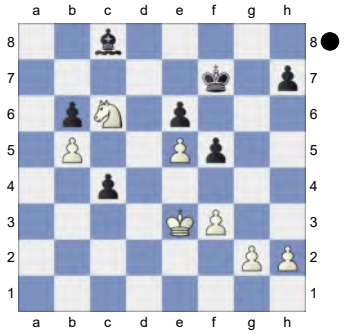


Black cannot hold the game after this.
31.Kf2+-
[Weaker is 31.Nxe6 c3 32.Nd4 c2=]
31...Kf7 32.Ke3 Bd7? 3.66/25
[32...Ke7 1.96/23 33.b5 c3]
33.b5 Bc8 34.Nc6 a6 35.a4 axb5



36.axb5

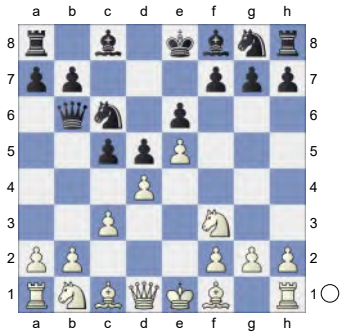
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65 **C02**
□ **schoberstein** **2900**
■ **TribalDancer** **2831**
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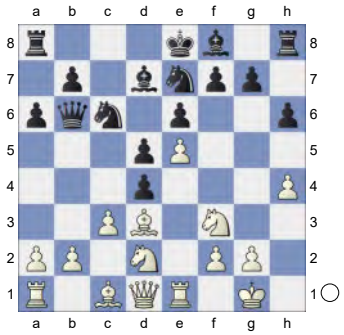
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.16/18
[7.dxc5!± 0.57/23 Bxc5 8.Qe2]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 a6
The position is equal. **10.Nbd2 h6N**
[10...dxc3 11.bxc3 Ng6 12.Nb3 Qc7 *(12...f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qc4 e5 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Rb2 Bd3 20.Qa4 f5 21.Nc5 Bb5 22.Qb3 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Na5 24.Qe6+ Bd7*

25.Qxe5 Nc4 26.Qxc7+ Kxc7 27.Rbe2 0-1 (36) Gabrielian,A (2560)-Lugovskoy,M (2397) Yerevan 120/(105) 2014 *Rhe8 28.Be7 Rc8 29.Nd4 b5 30.f3 Kb7 31.Kf2 Nb6 32.Nb3 Nd5 33.Bb4 Rxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Nxc3 35.Re7 Nd5 36.Rxd7+* 1-0 Benhadi,A (2452)-Statter (2118) (m/1) 100/177 2007 (1)*)* 13.Qe2 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Rb1 e5 16.h5 Nge7 17.Nc5 b5 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.a4 bxa4 20.Nh4 e4 21.Bc2 Ne5 22.Bf4 Rg8 23.Bxe5 fxe5 24.c4 VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #3]

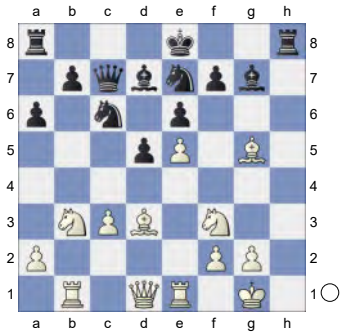
[10...Nf5 11.c4 Ne3 12.Qe2 Nxc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qc7 15.Bf4 Be7 16.Rac1 VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #1]



11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 g5 1.36/18 **13.hxg5± hxg5 14.Bxg5 Bg7** 1.85/20

[14...Rg8± 1.47/17 is a better defense. 15.Qd2 Ng6]

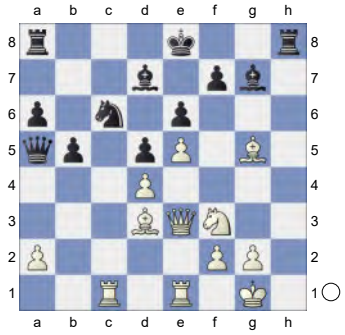
15.Rb1+- Qc7



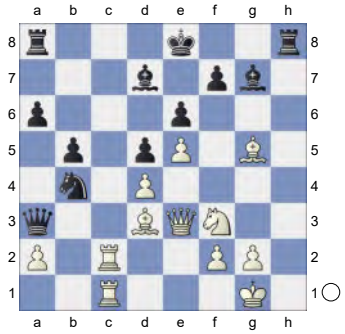
16.Qe2 b5 2.16/20

[16...Rh5± 1.48/17]

17.Nbd4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Nc6 19.Rbc1 Qb6 20.Qe3 Qa5

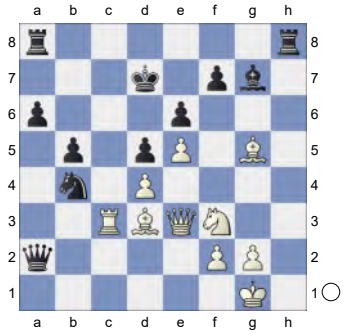


21.Re2 Qa3 22.Rec2 Nb4



23.Rc8+? -0.97/20 **Bxc8∓ 24.Rxc8+** Double Attack **24...Kd7! 25.Rc3** -1.93/23 **Qxa2-+**

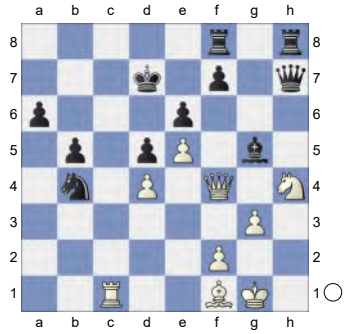
[25...Qxc3 26.Bxb5+ axb5 27.Qxc3+-]



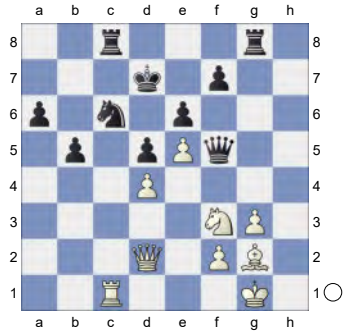
26.Qf4 Raf8 Threatens to win with ... Nb4xd3. **27.Bf1 Qb1 28.Rc1?** -3.73/22

[28.Nh4 -2.02/22 was called for.]

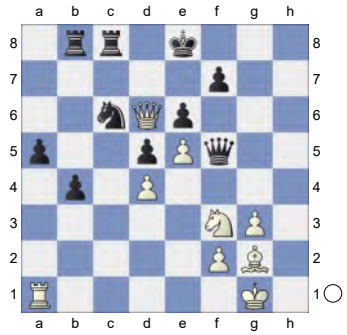
28...Qh7 29.Nh4 Bh6 Hoping for ... Bh6xg5. **30.g3 Bxg5**



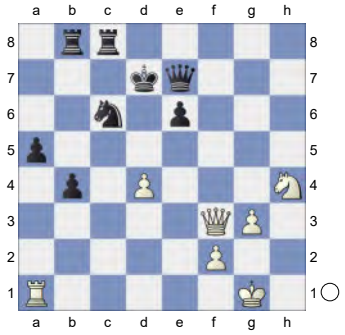
31.Qxg5 Rfg8 32.Qf4 Nc6
[32...Qxh4? 33.Qxf7+ Qe7 34.Rc7+ Kxc7 35.Qxe7+ Kb6 36.Qxb4+-]
33.Bg2 Rc8 34.Nf3 Qf5 35.Qd2 Rhg8



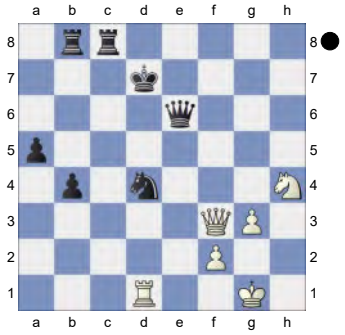
36.Ra1 a5 37.Qe2 b4 38.Qb5 Rb8 39.Qc5 Rgc8 40.Qd6+ Ke8



Strongly threatening ...b4-b3. **41.Nh4 Qg5 42.Bxd5 exd5 43.e6 Qe7** 0.79/15 Against Qd6-d7+
[43...Nxd4 44.Qd7+ Kf8 45.Qxf7#]
[43...fxe6-+ -4.44/16 44.Qxe6+ Ne7 *(44...Qe7? 45.Qxd5 b3 46.Rf1-+)*]
44.Qxd5? -4.99/17
[44.exf7+± 0.79/15 Kxf7 *(44...Qxf7 45.Re1+=)* 45.Qg6+ Kf8 46.Nf5]
44...fxe6
[Less strong is 44...Qxe6 45.Qc5 b3 46.Nf5]
45.Qf3 Kd7

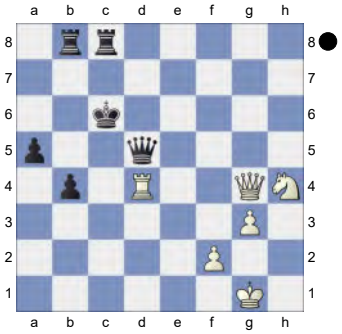


46.d5 Nd4 47.dxe6+ Qxe6 48.Rd1 -7.53/19
[⌓48.Qh5 -4.78/15]

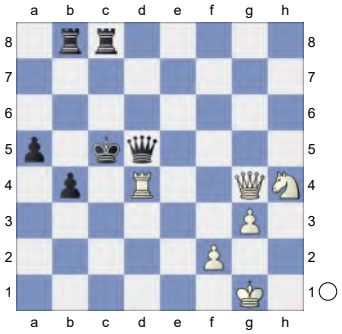


48...Qd5?? 11.78/15 **49.Qg4+??** -4.82/18
[49.Qxd5++- 11.78/15 Kc7 50.Rc1+ *(50.Qxd4 Kb7+-; 50.Rxd4 Kb6+-; 50.Qxa5+ Rb6+-)* 50...Kb6 51.Qxd4+ Ka6 52.Qd6+ Kb7 53.Qd7+ Kb6 54.Rxc8]
49...Kc6 -2.06/16
[⌓49...Ke8 -4.82/18 50.Qg6+ Kd7 51.Qg4+ Ke7 52.Qg7+ Kd6 53.Qxd4 Qxd4 54.Rxd4+ Kc5]
50.Rxd4

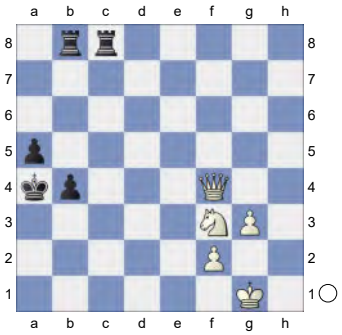
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Kc5 5.64/20



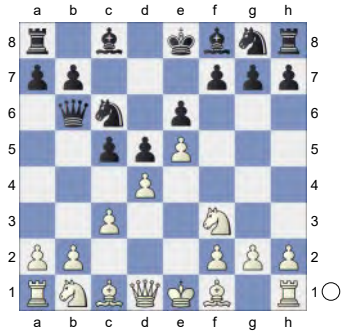
51.Rxd5++- Kxd5 52.Qf5+ Kc4 53.Qf4+
[Resist 53.Qxa5 b3 54.Nf3 b2+-]
53...Kb3 54.Nf3 Ka4? 4.38/20
[54...a4 2.16/19 keeps fighting. 55.Kg2 Ka3]



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66 **C02**
□ **KarlBallmer** **2893**
■ **dmitrij_IM** **2929**
Blitz 01.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.13/17
[7.dxc5!± 0.56/21 is superior. Qc7 8.Bf4]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 Nh6 9.a4N -0.64/20
[9.h3± 0.32/18 Be7 *(9...Rc8 10.a3 a6 11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Qc6 15.axb4 Qxa4 16.Rxa4 Be7 17.b5 0-0 18.bxa6 bxa6 19.Rxa6 Bb4 20.Rd1 Rfd8 21.Nd4 Bc3 22.Nc6 Re8 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.Bb1* 1-0 (65) Bodnaruk,A (2334)-Nakhbayeva,G (2326) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (1)*; 9...dxc3 10.Nxc3 Nb4 11.Be3 Bc5 12.Na4 Bxa4 13.Qxa4+ Nc6 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Rac1 Qb6 16.Qa3 Ng8 17.Qa4 Nge7 18.Qg4 g6 19.b3 0-0-0 20.Ng5 Rdf8 21.Nxf7 Nf5 22.Ng5 h5 23.Qd1 Kb8 24.Nxe6* 1-0 (41) Van Wijgerden,C (1784)-Tartakower/Wolf,H (1900) French League 2011 (4)*)* 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 h6

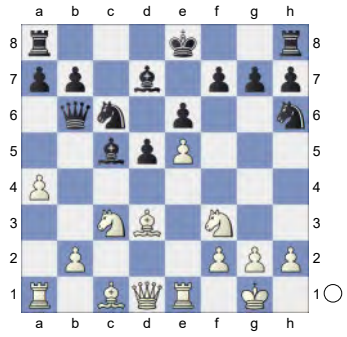
14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8 20.g5 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7 24.Bxg6 1-0 (25) Mercado Florez,D (2654)-Chaudagne,C (2672) 1992 (7.1)]

[9.c4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nf5 11.a3 a5 12.Bd3 Be7 13.Bf4 a4 14.Nbd2 Na5 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Ne4 Nb3 17.Rad1 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Ng5 h6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Rc1 0-0 22.g4 Nh4 23.g5 Ng6 0-1 (46) Newrkla,K (2261)-Sosa Suarez,C (1956) La Palma Island op 2023 (2)]

[9.a3 Ng4 10.Qe2 dxc3 11.Nxc3 Bc5 12.Rf1 h5 13.h3 Nh6 14.Nb5 a6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Na5 17.Qe5 f6 18.Qxh5+ Nf7 19.Qg4 Kf8 20.Be3 Qd8 21.Qg3 Bb5 22.Nd4 Qxd6 23.Bxb5 Qxg3 ½-½ (46) Piccoli,L (2220)-Serpa,R (2095) Niteroi op 3rd 2023 (6)]

9...dxc3∓ Black is slightly better.

10.Nxc3 Bc5



Strongly threatening ...Nh6-g4. **11.a5** -1.32/21 **Nxa5∓ 12.Na4** -1.80/21

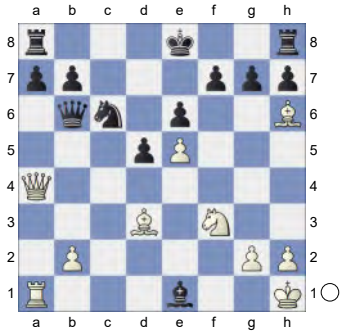
[12.Re2∓ -1.44/19 was necessary.]

12...Bxf2+-+ 13.Kh1 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Nc6 15.Bxh6 -2.67/19

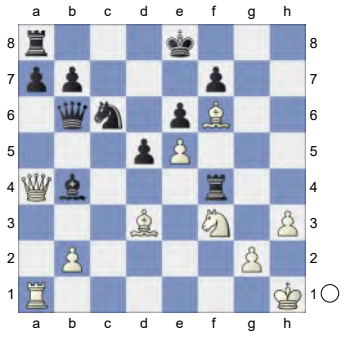
[⌓15.Re2 -1.78/20]

15...Bxe1

[15...gxh6 16.Re2-+]



16.Bxg7 Rg8 17.Bf6 Bb4 18.Bxh7 Rg4 19.h3 Rc4 Threatens to win with ... Bb4-e7. **20.Bd3 Rf4**



21.Rf1 Kd7? 0.30/15

[21...Qa5-+ -2.01/19 22.Qc2 Bf8]

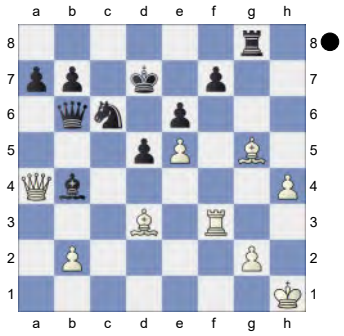
22.Bg5= This pair of bishops is nice.

22...Rxf3 23.Rxf3 Rg8 Chess con chili.

24.h4 -1.31/20

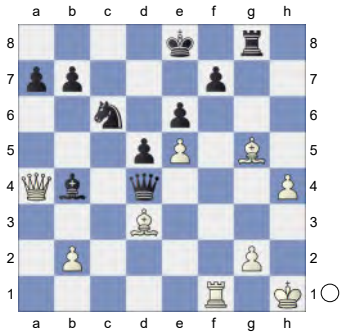
[But not 24.Rxf7+ Kc8 *(24...Ke8 25.Rxb7 Qxb7 26.Bb5∓)* 25.Bh4 Nxe5]

[24.Bb5= 0.20/22 Rxg5 25.Qxb4 Rxe5 26.Rxf7+ Kc8 27.Qd6 Re1+ 28.Bf1]

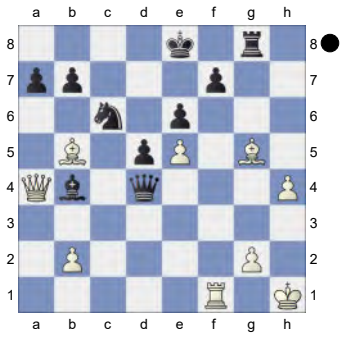


24...Ke8? 0.24/19

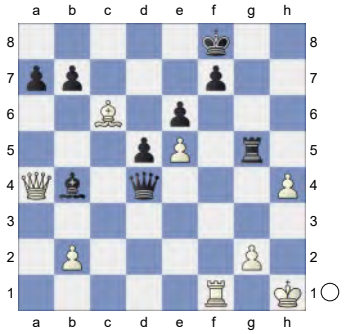
[24...Rxg5!∓ -1.31/20 25.hxg5 Qd4]
25.Rf1? -2.72/22
[25.Bb5= 0.24/19 and White has nothing to worry. a5 26.g3]
25...Qd4



aiming for ...Rg8xg5. **26.Bb5?** -6.04/23
[26.Rf3 -2.51/19]



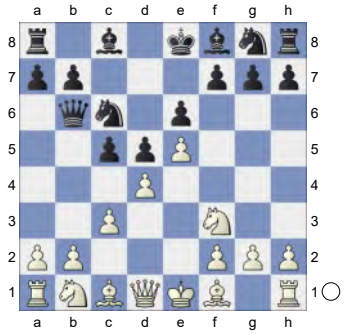
26...Rxg5!-+ Remove Defender
27.Bxc6+ Kf8



Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.32
0-1

67 **C02**
□ **EvilGenius94** **2881**
■ **lagartodeleyende** **2627**
Blitz 03.07.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



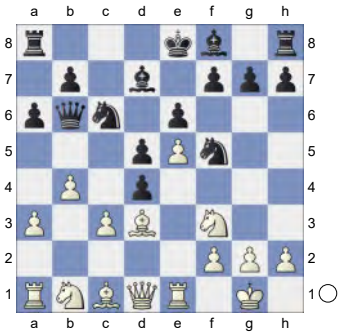
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 a6
[8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 10.h5 g6 11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 1-0 (39) Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (9)]
9.a3N -0.17/21
[⌓9.Nbd2 0.25/19 dxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5 11.Re2 *(11.Qe2 Na5 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nxc4 14.Nxc4 Qc7 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Qe3* Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #24*)* 11...Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bc6 15.Ra2 Rc8 16.Qe2 Nh6 17.h3 Nf5 18.Bf4 0-0 19.Bh2 Qd7 20.Rd2 Qe7 21.Bf4 h6 22.g4 Nh4 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 0-1 (34) Worch,S (1870)-Shepard,R (2045) olm ENG-BIH 1994 (4)]
[9.h4 dxc3 10.Nxc3 Bc5 11.Qe2

Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.h5 Ne7 14.Bd2 Nc6 15.Na4 Qa7 16.Bf4 Nb4 17.Nc3 Bxf2+ 18.Kh1 Bxe1 19.Rxe1 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc8 21.Qg3 g6 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bf6 Rg8 0-1 (40) Trifonov,D (2163)-Sydykov,B (2221) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (8)]

9...Nge7 0.21/21

[9...Rc8 -0.17/21 should be considered.]

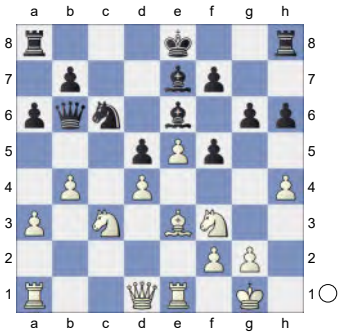
10.b4 Nf5



11.Bxf5 exf5 12.cxd4 Be6 13.Nc3 h6 14.h4 g6 1.62/22

[14...Be7± 0.43/18]

15.Be3+- Be7



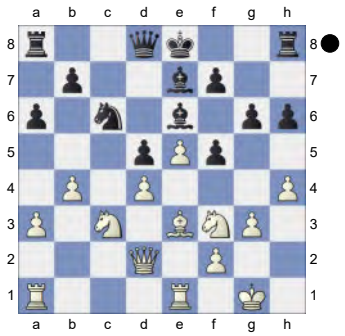
16.Qd2 Qd8 1.86/20

[16...g5± 1.25/21 is a better defense.]

17.g3? 0.06/20

[17.Rac1+- 1.86/20]

(Diagram)



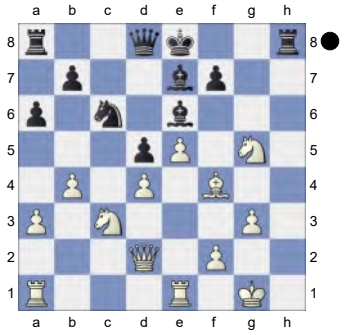
17...g5!= 18.hxg5

[18.Rac1 simplifies Rg8 19.Kh1 Rc8 20.Rg1]

18...hxg5 19.Nxg5 0.50/22

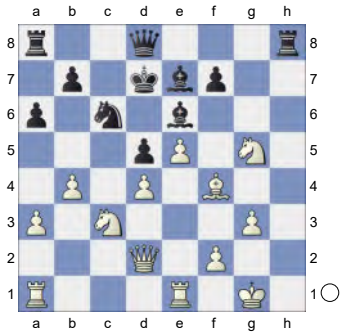
[19.Bxg5= 0.09/22 was preferrable. Bxg5 20.Qxg5 *(20.Nxg5 Nxd4 21.Qxd4 Qxg5±)*]

19...f4± 20.Bxf4



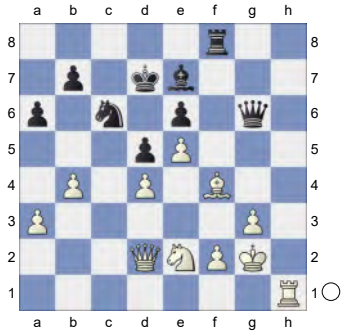
Strongly threatening Ng5xe6. **20...Kd7** 3.16/21

[20...Bxg5!= 0.00/19 and Black has nothing to worry. 21.Bxg5 Nxd4 22.Qxd4 *(22.Bxd8 Nf3+ 23.Kf1 Nxd2+ 24.Ke2 d4=)* 22...Qxg5]

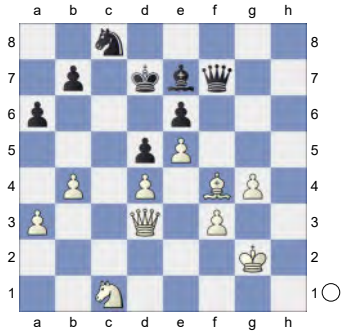


Black is now going downhill. **21.Nxe6+-**

fxe6 22.Kg2 Qg8 23.Rh1 Black must now prevent Rh1xh8. **23...Rxh1** 3.51/19
[23...Qg6 2.37/18 was called for. 24.Ne2 Rae8]
24.Rxh1
[Weaker is 24.Kxh1 Qh7+ 25.Kg2 Rh8±]
24...Rf8 25.Ne2 Qg6

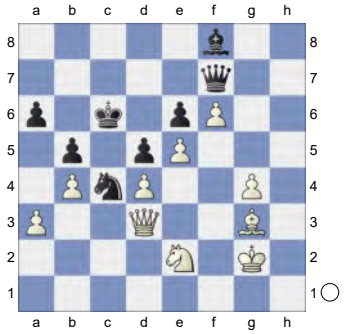


26.f3 Rc8 27.g4 Na7 28.Rc1 Rxc1 29.Nxc1
[Don't take 29.Qxc1?! Nb5 30.a4 Nc7+-]
29...Nc8 3.74/20
[⌓29...Qb1 2.54/21 30.Nd3 b6]
30.Qd3 Qf7

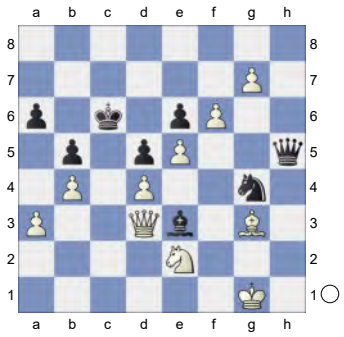


31.Ne2 Nb6 32.Bg3 Nc4 33.f4 b5? 5.20/19
[33...Qg8 3.13/24 34.g5 Nb2]
34.f5 Kc6 35.f6 Bf8

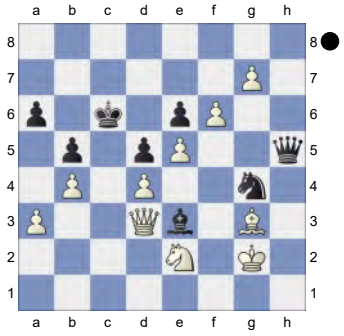
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36.g5 Qh5 37.g6 Bh6 38.g7 Ne3+? 6.06/32
[38...Qg4 3.45/21 39.Ng1 *(39.Qf3 Ne3+ 40.Kf2 Nd1+ 41.Kg2 Ne3+ 42.Kf2 Nd1+ 43.Kg2 Ne3+=)* 39...Ne3+ 40.Kf2 Kb6]
39.Kf2 White is clearly winning.
39...Ng4+ 40.Kg1 Be3+



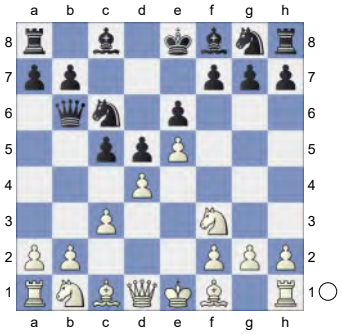
41.Kg2



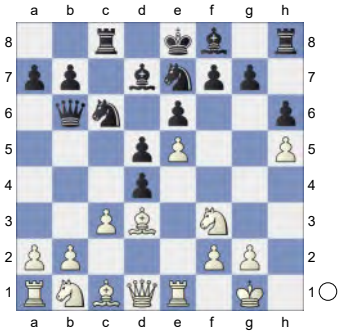
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68 **C02**
□ **Johanssc** **2823**
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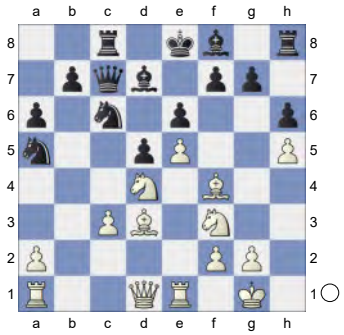
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**

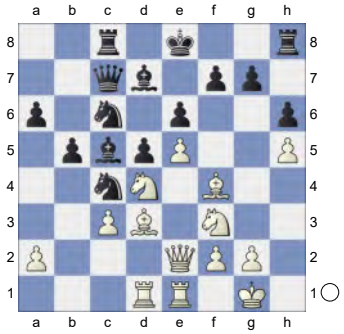


11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 0.88/21
[12...Na5!= 0.02/21 remains equal.]
[12...Nf5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nb3 Be7 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qd2 Nh4 17.Nxh4 Bxh4 18.Nc5 Na5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Rb4 Be7 21.Bxh6 Bxb4 22.Bxg7 f5 23.exf6 Bxc3 24.Qh6 Qxg7 25.fxg7 Bxg7 26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.h6 1-0 Yoo,C (2603)-Masruri,R (2327) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (11)]
13.Nb3N 0.31/23
[13.Ba3± 0.88/21]
[13.Rb1 Na5 14.c4 dxc4 15.Bc2 Nd5 16.Ne4 b5 17.Be3 a6 18.Bd4 Nb7 19.Nfd2 Rd8 20.Qg4 Bc6 21.Rbd1 Nb4 22.Nd6+ Nxd6 23.exd6 Rxd6 24.Bb1 Qd7 25.Bc5 Rd5 26.Ne4 Nd3 27.Bxd3 Rxd3 ½-½ (45) Nicolas,G (2085)-Zounani,Y (2125) FRA-ch op-A Albi 2022 (3)]
13...a6 0.76/22
[13...Na5± 0.31/23]
14.Bf4 0.16/20
[14.Rb1± 0.76/22]
14...Na5 15.Nbd4 -1.02/23
[15.Nxa5± 0.48/20 stays ahead. Qxa5 16.Qb1]
15...Nec6 -0.42/21
[15...Qxc3∓ -1.02/23 16.a4 Nec6]

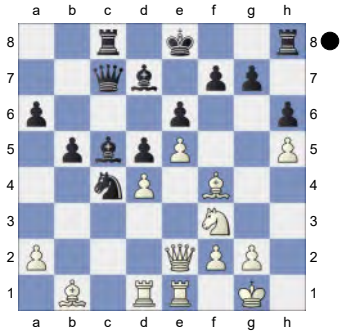


16.Rb1 Bc5 0.00/20
[16...Nxd4∓ -0.55/21 17.cxd4 b5]
17.Be3 Black must now prevent Nd4xe6!
17...Be7
[17...Nxe5? 18.Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Nxe6 Bxe3 20.Rxe3+-]
18.Bf4 -0.70/20
[18.Nxc6= -0.19/22 Qxc6 19.Bd4]
18...Bc5 0.12/20
[Better is 18...Nxd4∓ -0.70/20 19.cxd4 Nc4]
19.Qe2 b5 20.Rbd1 Nc4 0.00/20
[20...Qa7∓ -0.46/21]

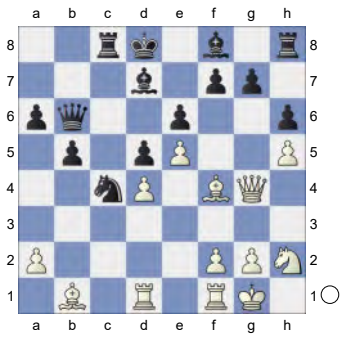
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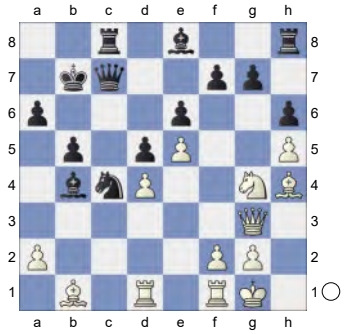
21.Bb1 -0.53/19
[21.Nxc6!= 0.00/20 Bxc6 *(21...Qxc6 22.Nd4=)* 22.Nd4]
21...Nxd4 0.25/22
[21...Na3∓ -0.53/19]
22.cxd4 -0.74/23
[22.Nxd4= 0.25/22 keeps the balance. Qb6 23.Qg4]



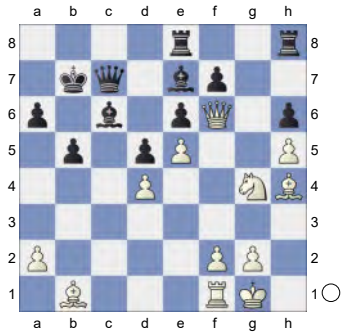
22...Bb4!∓ 23.Rf1 Qb6 24.Nh2 -1.01/22
[24.Nh4∓ -0.48/19]
24...Kd8 -0.65/19
[24...Bf8∓ -1.01/22 25.Qg4 b4]
25.Qg4∓ Bf8



26.Bg3 -0.92/21
[26.Nf3∓ -0.52/18]
26...Kc7∓ 27.Qf3 Be8 28.Ng4 Kb7 29.Bh4 -2.22/18
[29.Ne3∓ -1.05/17]
29...Bb4-+ Threatens to win with ...Nc4-d2. **30.Qg3** -2.66/19
[⌓30.Qf4 -1.95/19]
30...Qc7 -1.35/20
[30...Nd2-+ -2.66/19 31.Rxd2 Bxd2]

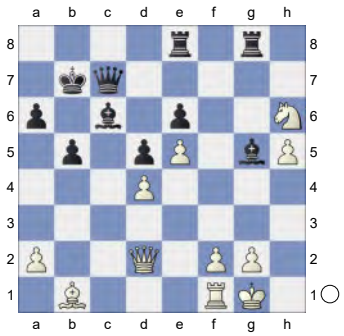


31.Ne3∓ Nd2 32.Qxg7 -1.36/21
[⌓32.Rc1 -0.97/21 Qxc1 33.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 34.Kh2]
32...Bc6 33.Qf6 -1.86/19 Wards off Nd2-f3+
[33.a3∓ -1.46/20 was worth a try. Bc3 *(33...Bxa3? perishes. 34.Rxd2 Ka7 35.Ra2+-)* 34.Rxd2 Bxd2 35.Qf6]
33...Nxf1-+ 34.Rxf1 Rce8 -1.06/21
[34...Bc3-+ -1.88/18 35.Ng4 Bxd4]
35.Ng4? -3.87/20 Loses the game.
[35.Qf3∓ -1.06/21]
35...Be7



Skewer **36.Qxf7** Hoping for Ng4-f6.
36...Bxh4 37.Qf4 Rhf8 38.Qd2 Rg8

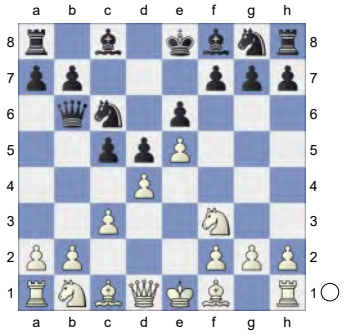
39.Nxh6 -5.07/20
[39.Bg6 -3.05/17 might work better.]
39...Bg5



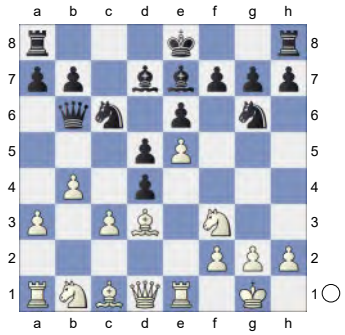
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69 **C02**
□ **GrigorGrigorov** **2820**
■ **jsl** **2868**
Blitz 23.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.a3** The position is equal.
[9.h4 a6 10.h5 g6 11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 Ne7 1-0 (39) Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (9)]
9...Ng6 10.b4N
[10.h4 Be7 11.h5 Nh4 12.Nbd2 *(12.Nxd4 0-0 13.g3 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qxd4 15.gxh4 Qxh4 16.Kg2 Bc6 17.f3 d4 18.Be4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Qxh5 20.Rxd4 Rad8* 18) Advance - 6. Bd3-8.Re1 Nge7 9.a3 #2*)* 12...Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Rc8 14.Rb1 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.a4 Na5 17.Re2 Nc4 18.Bf4 Na3 19.Rc1 Qa5 20.Qd2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bxe7 Kxe7 24.Nd4 Rhc8 ½-½ (79) Elmi,S (2336)-Tangatov,N (1823) Wch U18 rapid 2023 (6) 25.Re3 Qxa4 26.Rb1 Qa3 27.Rb3 Rxd4 28.cxd4 Qc1+ 29.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 30.Kh2 Bc6 31.Rg3 Kf8 32.Ra3 a6 33.Rgd3 Rc2 34.Kg3 Ke7 35.f4 Kd8 36.Kf3 Bb5 37.Rdb3 Rd2 38.Rb4 Kc7 39.g4 Bc4 0-1 (79) Elojele,K-Rogoff,K (2520) WchT U26 01 prel-3 1978 (3)]
10...Be7



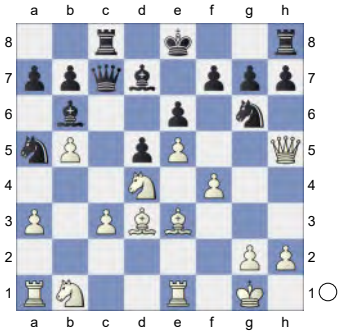
Dodges h2-h4 **11.b5** -0.46/20
[11.Bb2!= -0.05/19]
11...Na5∓ 12.Nxd4 Rc8 -0.12/16
[12...0-0∓ -0.68/18]
13.Qh5 -1.44/21
[13.a4= -0.12/16 remains equal.]
13...Bc5? 0.19/20
[13...Rxc3!∓ -1.44/21 14.Nxc3 Qxd4

15.Bxg6 fxg6]

14.Be3!= Qc7 15.f4 -0.63/22

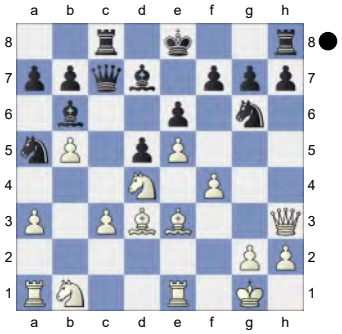
[White should play 15.Nd2= 0.21/18]

15...Bb6∓



16.Qh3 -1.21/19

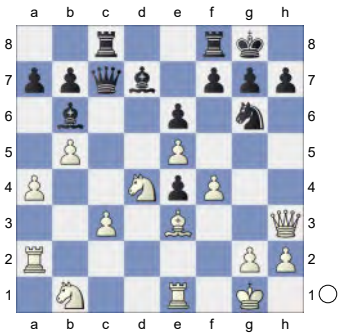
[White should try 16.g3∓ -0.46/20]



16...Nb3!∓ 17.Ra2

[17.Nxb3? Nxf4 18.Qg3 Nxd3-+]

17...Nc5! 18.Bc2 Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.a4 0-0



21.Qg3 f6 22.exf6 Rxf6 -0.10/19

[22...gxf6∓ -1.02/18 Strongly threatening ...Rf8-f7. 23.Rf2 f5]

23.Rf2? -1.92/20

[23.Nd2= -0.10/19 and White is okay.]

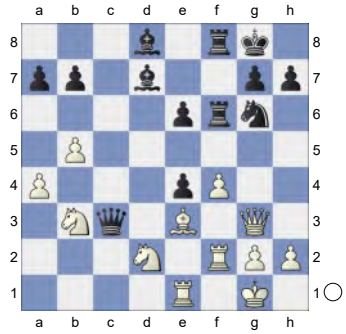
23...Rcf8 -0.64/19

[23...Ne7-+ -1.92/20 Hoping for ...Rc8-f8. 24.Nc2 Nf5 25.Bxb6 Qxb6]

24.Nd2∓ Qxc3 25.N4b3 Bd8 1.43/21

[25...Nxf4? 26.Rxf4 *(26.Nxe4 Qxe1+ 27.Rf1 Ne2+* Deflection, Double Attack *28.Kh1 Rxf1+; 26.Bxb6 Qxg3 27.hxg3 Nd3±)* 26...Rxf4 27.Bxb6 Qxg3 28.hxg3+-]

[25...Bxe3!∓ -0.84/19 keeps the pressure on. 26.Qxe3 Qxe3 27.Rxe3 e5 *(27...Nxf4 28.Nxe4 Rf5 29.Nbc5∓; 27...Rxf4 28.Rxf4 Nxf4 29.Rxe4=)*]



26.Rc1↑ Black is under strong pressure.

[26.Bxa7 Qc8 27.Rxe4 b6∓]

26...Qd3 2.85/21

[26...Qb2± 1.41/20]

27.Nc5!+-

[27.Bxa7 Nxf4 28.Bc5 Ne2+ 29.Rxe2 Qxe2=]

27...Qd5 28.Ndxe4

[28.Ncxe4 R6f7 29.Rc5 *(29.Bxa7? Bh4-+* Skewer) 29...Bh4 30.Rxd5 Bxg3 31.hxg3 exd5∓]

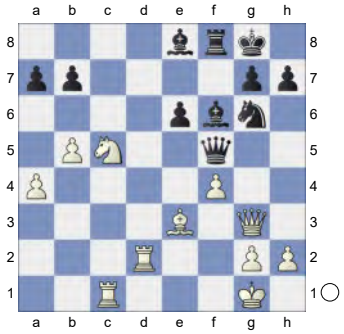
28...Be8 4.24/20

[28...Rxf4 2.97/18 was necessary. 29.Rxf4 *(29.Bxf4 Bh4+-)* 29...Nxf4 30.Bxf4 a6]

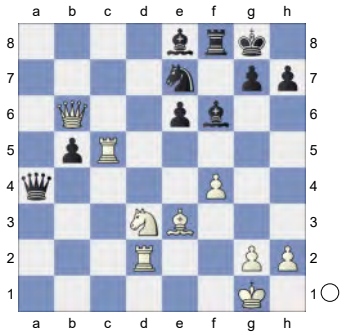
29.Nxf6+ Bxf6 30.Rd2 Deflection

30...Qf5

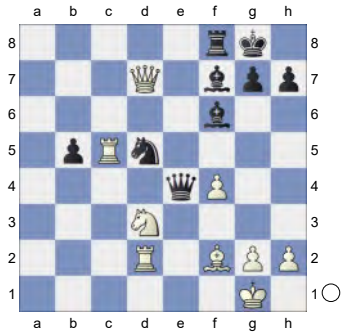
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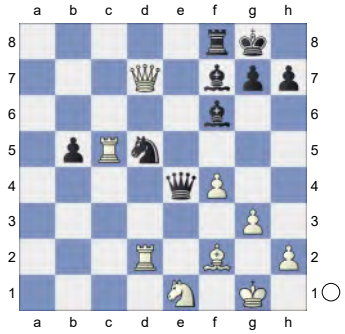
31.Nd3 2.05/15
[⌓31.Nxb7 3.62/17 And now Nb7-d6! would win. Qe4 32.Nc5]
31...a6 32.Rc5 Qe4 1.92/19
[32...e5± 1.47/18 might work better.]
33.Qf3 0.72/19
[33.bxa6+- 1.92/19 is more deadly. Threatens to win with a6-a7. bxa6 34.Rc1]
33...Qxa4 34.Qxb7 -0.21/17
[34.bxa6± 0.73/17 Qxa6 35.Qf2]
34...axb5 1.04/20
[34...Bd4!= -0.21/17 keeps the balance. 35.Qe4 *(35.Qxa6? Bxe3+ 36.Kh1 Qb3-+)* 35...Bxc5 36.Qxa4 Bxe3+ 37.Rf2 Bxf2+ *(37...Bxb5 38.Qe4±)* 38.Nxf2 axb5]
35.Qb6 -0.40/18 White has more active pieces.
[35.Kh1± 1.04/20]
35...Ne7? 1.59/21
[35...Bd4!∓ -0.40/18 36.Qxe6+ *(36.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 37.Rf2 Qxd3-+)* 36...Bf7]



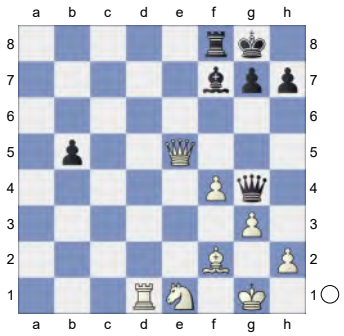
36.Qxe6+ 1.05/15
[White has to play 36.Ne5! 1.59/21]
36...Bf7± 37.Qd7 aiming for Nd3-f2!
37...Qe4 38.Bf2 Nd5 2.07/18
[38...Bd5± 0.93/18 39.Ne1 *(39.Qxb5? Qxg2#)* 39...b4]



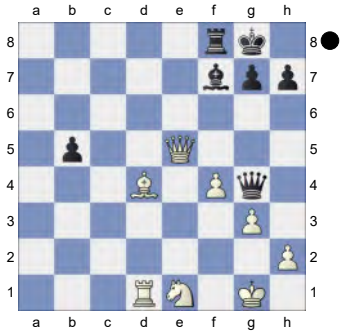
39.g3? 0.00/20
[39.Qxb5?! Ne3 40.Ne1 Ng4±]
[39.Rxb5 Bd4=]
[39.Rc8!+- 2.07/18]
39...Qf3? 3.80/21
[39...Bc3= 0.00/20 40.Rc8 *(40.Rd1? Ne3-+)* 40...Bxd2 41.Rxf8+ Kxf8]
40.Ne1
[40.Qxb5 Nc3 41.Ne1 Qa8 42.Rxc3 Bxc3=]
40...Qe4



41.Rcxd5 Bc3
[Don't blunder 41...Rd8? 42.Qxd8+ *(42.Rxb5 Rxd7 43.Rxd7 h6=)* 42...Qe8 43.Qxe8+ *(43.Qd6 b4+-)* 43...Bxe8 44.Nd3+-]
42.R5d4 Bxd4 43.Qxd4 Qb1 44.Rd1 Qg6 45.Qe5 Qg4



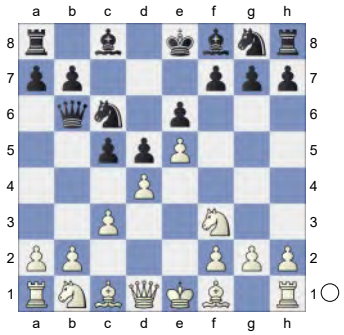
46.Bd4



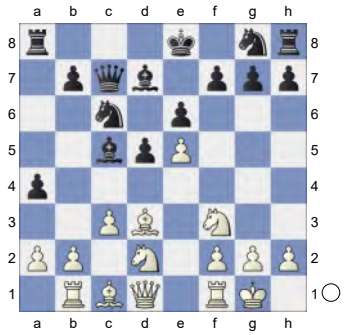
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70 **C02**
□ **Johanssc** **2837**
■ **XuYL_1a** **2855**
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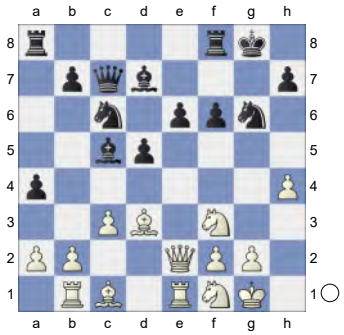
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
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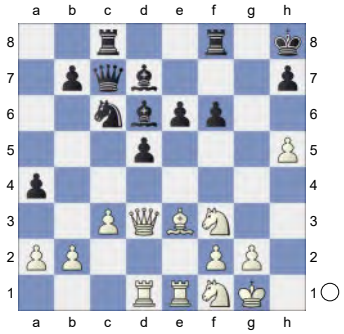
6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5 9.Nbd2 a4 0.88/23 Prevents Nd2-b3
[9...f6!= 0.29/21 keeps the balance.]
[9...Qc7 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Qe2 Nge7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Re1 0-0 14.h4 f6 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Nbd4 Raf8 17.Bxg6 Rxg6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Qd3 Be8 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.Rxe6 Bf7 22.Re2 hxg5 23.Nxg5 g6 24.Rae1 0-1 (26) Dubreuil,J (2096)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (2)]
10.Rb1N
[10.b4 axb3 *(10...Be7 11.a3 Nh6 12.c4 Ng4 13.Bb2 Ne3 14.fxe3 Qxe3+ 15.Kh1 Qxd3 16.Rc1 0-0 17.Rc3 Qg6 18.Nb1 Rad8 19.Rd3 Bc8 20.cxd5 exd5 21.Nc3 Bf5 22.Rxd5 Bc2 23.Qd2 Bb3 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Qe3* 0-1 (39) Lenz,J (2006)-Boeren,J (2159) Heusenstamm Sparkassen op 11th 2024 (5)*)* 11.Nxb3 Nge7 12.Rb1 4) French-French with 5...Qb6 & 6...Bd7 *(12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3 Qxc3 14.Rb1 0-0 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg6 17.Rc1 Qxe5 18.Qc2+ Qf5 19.Qb2 f6 20.Nf3 Kf7 21.Qxb7 Rfd8 22.Rfe1 e5 23.Bc5 d4 24.h3 Rab8 25.Qc7 Rdc8 26.Qd6 Qe6* 0-1 (37) Gitelson,A (2319)-Martin Fuentes,A (2375) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (1) *)*]
10...Qc7



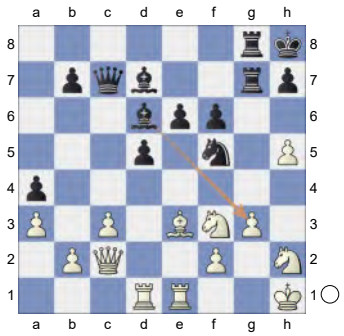
11.Re1 Nge7 White is slightly better.
12.Nf1 -0.07/18
[12.b4± 0.54/20 axb3 13.Nxb3]
12...Ng6= 13.Qe2 0-0 14.h4 f6! 15.exf6 gxf6



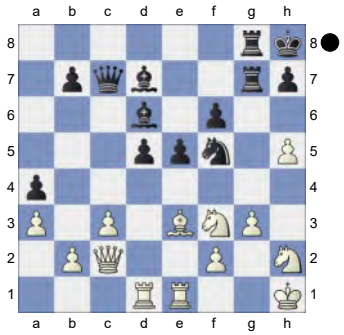
16.h5 -1.16/18
[16.Bxg6= -0.22/21 remains equal. hxg6 17.h5]
16...Nf4∓ Black is more active. **17.Qc2** -1.69/20
[17.Bxf4∓ -1.08/17 Qxf4 18.Qd2 Qxd2 19.N1xd2]
17...Nxd3 -0.79/17
[17...Nxh5 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.Bg6±]
[17...Rf7!-+ -1.69/20 ...Nc6-e5! would now be deadly. 18.Nd4 Rg7 *(18...Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bd6 20.Qxc7∓)*]
18.Qxd3 Kh8 19.Be3 Bd6 20.Rbd1 Rac8



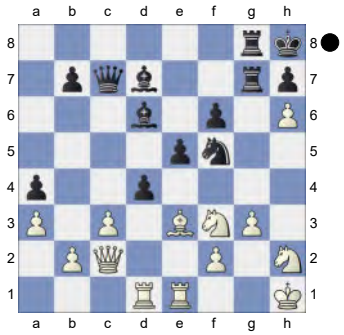
21.Qc2 -1.47/20
[21.Qe2∓ -0.67/20]
21...Rf7 22.a3 Rg8 Threatens to win with ...Rf7-g7. **23.N1h2 Rfg7 24.g3 Ne7 25.Kh1 Nf5**
(Diagram)



Against Be3-h6 **26.Bd4?** -4.59/17
[26.Nd4 -2.37/16 Nxe3 27.Rxe3]
26...e5-+ 27.Be3

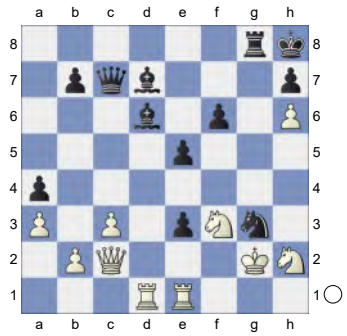


d4 28.h6
[28.Bc1 Qc6]

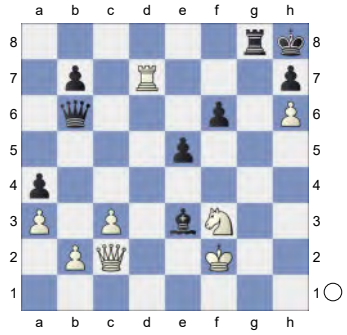


28...Rxg3 Demolition **29.fxg3**
[29.Bd2 Rh3]
29...Nxg3+ 30.Kg2 dxe3

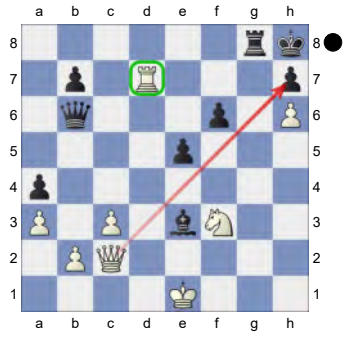
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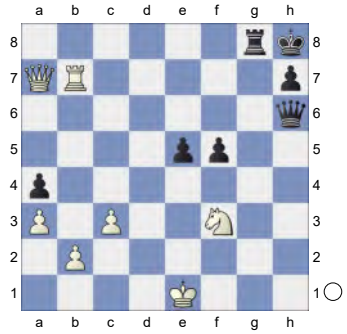
31.Rxe3 Nf5+ 32.Kf2 Bc5 Pin **33.Nf1 Nxe3 34.Nxe3 Qb6?** -0.65/16
[34...Bxe3+-+ -8.22/18 35.Ke1 e4 *(35...Bxh6? 36.Qe4-+)* 36.Qxe4 Re8 *(36...Bxh6? 37.Qh4-+; 36...Qg3+? 37.Ke2-+)*]
35.Rxd7∓ Bxe3+



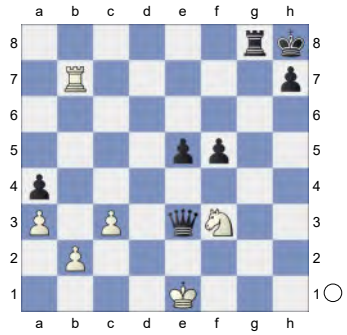
36.Ke1



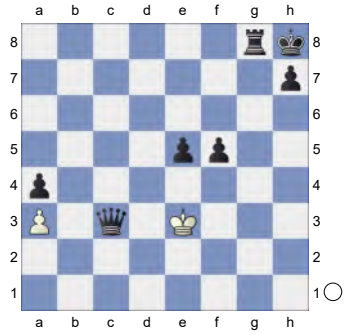
Bf2+! 3.87/19 **37.Qxf2+- Qe6 38.Rxb7** aiming for Nf3-d2. **38...f5?** 250.00/22
[38...Qh3 3.62/19 39.Rb4 Qxh6]
39.Qa7? 1.42/19
[39.Qc5+- 250.00/22 and White stays clearly on top. White threatens Qc5-c7 and mate. Rc8 40.Ng5 *(40.Qxe5+ Qxe5+ 41.Nxe5 Kg8 42.Rg7+ Kf8 43.Nd7+ Ke8 44.Nf6+ Kf8 45.Nxh7+ Ke8)* 40...Rxc5 41.Nxe6 Rc8 42.Ng5 Rf8 43.Rg7 *(43.Rxh7+ Kg8 44.Rg7+ Kh8 45.c4 e4 46.c5 Rf6 47.Nf7+ Rxf7 48.Rxf7 f4)* 43...f4 44.Nf7+ *(44.Nxh7 Rg8+-)* 44...Rxf7 45.Rxf7]
39...Qxh6±



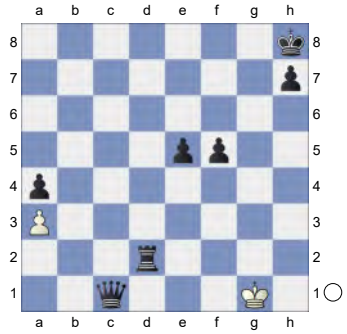
...Qh6-h1+ is the strong threat. **40.Qe3?** -#6/12 **Qxe3+**



Black mates. **41.Kd1 Qxf3+ 42.Kd2 Qxb7 43.Ke1 Qb3 44.Kf2 Qxb2+ 45.Ke3 Qxc3+**



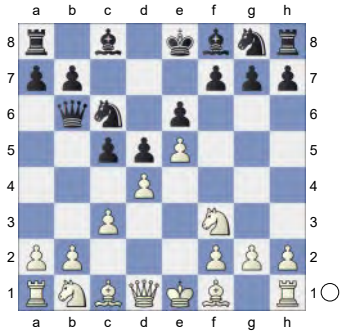
46.Ke2 Rg3 47.Kf2 Rd3 48.Kf1 Rd2 49.Kg1 Qc1#
(Diagram)



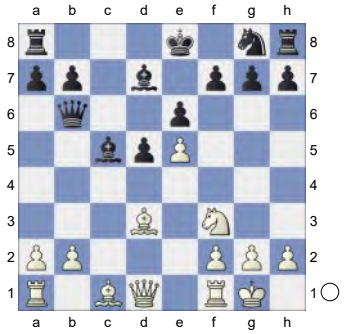
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0-1

71 **C02**
□ **Ivic,Velimir** **2620**
■ **Tregubov,Pavel V** **2554**
Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5
[3...b6 4.d4 Bb7 5.Bd3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bb4 8.Qe2 d5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Bd2 Bxc3 11.Bxc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 0-0 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Qc2 h6 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Rac1 Re8 17.h4 Nb8 18.Bb1 ½-½ (37) Spasov,V (2575)-Delchev,A (2510) BUL-ch Sofia 1996 (5)]
[3...Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Be7 11.h3 h6 12.0-0 Be6 13.a3 0-0 14.Bb1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.b4 Raf8 18.Bb2 0-1 (76) Sermek,A (1678)-Fields,P (1942) 134 Linz 2014 (7)]
4.e5N
[4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Bc4 Be8 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bc6 17.Ne5 Bd5 18.a3 Nc6 1-0 (50) 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1_20099 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) 64/339 Amsterdam 1995 (3) 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Qxe7 Rfe8 22.Qb7 dxc4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Qxc6 Qb6 25.Qxc4 Qxb2 26.Qd3 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 Re1+ 28.Rxe1 Qxd4 29.Rad1 Qc5 30.Rd3 h5 31.h4 Qc4 32.Rh3 Kf8 33.Ree3 Qc1+ 1-0 (50) Varga,Z (2450)-Fogarasi,T (2505) HUN-ch Budapest 1996 (3)]
4...Nc6 5.d4 Qb6

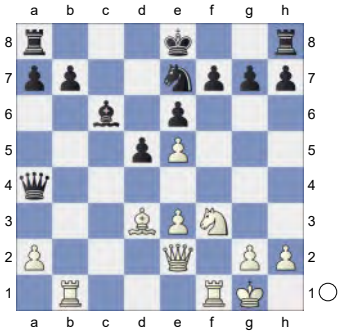


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2! Nxf3+ 9...Ne7 might become the main line .9...Se7 könnte zur Hauptfortsetzung werden. **10.Nxf3 Bc5** 0.24/21
[⌓10...Bb5 -0.13/20]



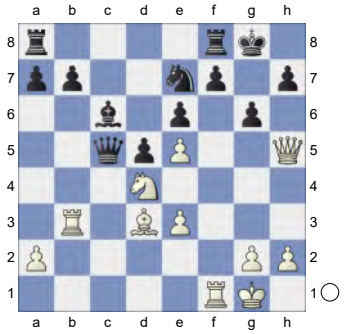
11.b4! -0.20/20 **Qxb4=** The position is equal.
[11...Bxb4?! 12.Rb1 Qc5 13.Be3±]
12.Rb1 Qa4 Threatens to win with ... Qa4xd1. **13.Qe2** Leaves trodden paths.

Verlässt die ausgetretenen Pfade.
13...Bc6N 0.49/21
[13...b6 And now ...Ng8-e7 would win. 14.Ng5 Nh6 15.Qh5? -2.29/20 *(15.h3!∓ -0.45/19)* 15...Qg4-+ 16.Qxg4 Nxg4 17.Bb2 h6 18.Nf3 h5 19.h3 Nh6 0-1 (69) Licardo,R (2217)-Lalic,B (2400) CRO Cup Mali Losinj 2019 (1.61)]
[13...b6∓ -0.39/20 14.Ng5 Nh6]
14.Be3 -0.38/20
[14.Ng5± 0.49/21]
14...Bxe3∓ 15.fxe3 Black must now prevent Rb1xb7! **15...Ne7?** 1.28/23
[15...Qa3∓ -0.39/22 stays ahead.]

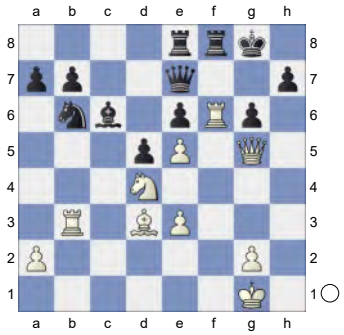


16.Nd4 0.00/19
[16.Ng5± 1.28/23 Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5 18.Rxf5]
16...0-0= 17.Rf4 -1.24/22
[17.Qg4= 0.00/19 remains equal.]
17...Qa3 -0.71/21
[⌓17...Ng6 -1.24/22 18.Bxg6 fxg6 *(18...hxg6 19.Nxe6* Pin, Discovered Attack *Qa5 20.Nxf8±)*]
18.Rb3 Qc1+ -0.54/20
[18...Qa5∓ -0.90/20 19.Rb1 Qa3]
19.Rf1∓ Qc5 20.Qh5 -1.41/21
[20.Qg4∓ -0.48/20]
20...g6? 1.10/22
[20...Ng6∓ -1.41/21 stays on course. aiming for ...b7-b6. 21.h4 Rae8]

(Diagram)

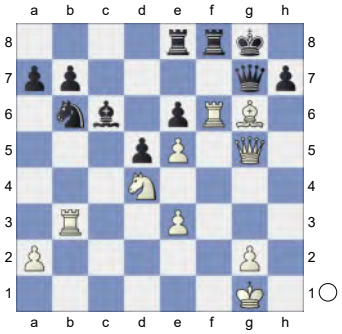


21.Qg5 0.00/19
[White should try 21.Qh6± 1.10/22]
21...Rae8 0.94/23
[21...Rab8= 0.00/19 keeps the balance.]
22.h4± White is much more active.
22...Nc8? 3.74/20 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[22...Bd7± 0.97/19]
23.h5+- Qe7 5.47/21
[23...Nb6 3.64/19 was necessary. 24.Rf6 Kh8 *(24...Nd7? 25.hxg6 Qc1+ 26.Kh2+-)* 25.hxg6 fxg6 26.Bxg6 *(26.Nxe6 Rxe6 27.Rxe6 Rf7+-; 26.Rxe6 Rf7±)* 26...Rg8 Pin]
24.Rf6 White is clearly winning. **24...Nb6**
25.hxg6 fxg6

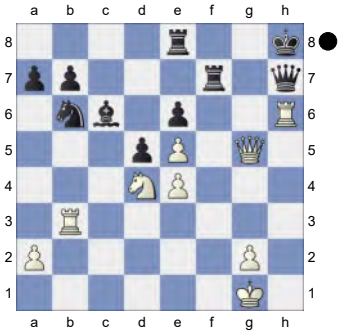


26.Bxg6! Qg7
[26...Kh8 27.Bxe8]

(Diagram)



27.Bxh7+! Pin **27...Kh8**
[27...Kxh7 28.Qh5+]
28.Rg6
[Not 28.Nxe6 Rxe6 29.Rxf8+ Qxf8=]
28...Qxh7 29.Rh6 Pin **29...Rf7 30.e4**

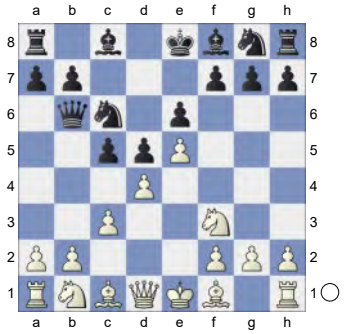


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72 **C02**
□ **Cheparinov,Ivan** **2663**
■ **Svane,Frederik** **2618**
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[John Watson]

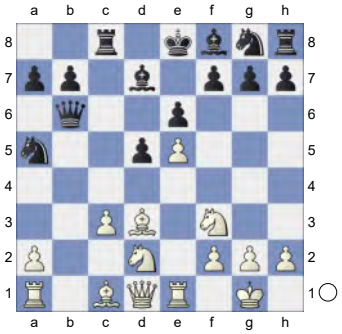
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)

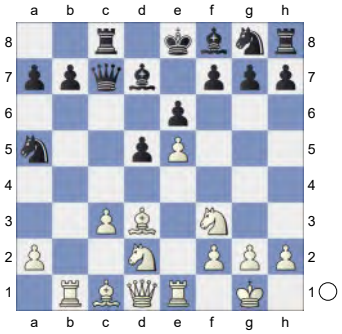


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The best move, developing quickly.
[9.h4?! -0.68/17 9.Nb1-d2 0.05 is seen in this month's game Zhigalko-Galchenko.]
9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Na5
[10...Bc5 also looks reasonable and should equalize: 11.Rb1! Qc7 *(11...Bxf2+? 2.79/19 11...Qb6-d8 0.63 12.Kf1! Qc5 13.Nb3 Qxc3 14.Kxf2±)* 12.Nb3 Be7 *(12...Bf8!?)* 13.Bd2 *(*after *13.Bf4 , h5! 14.Qd2 Nh6* looks like a good way to develop *)* 13...f6?! 1.97/20 *(13...a6=* or*; 13...h5=* is sounder*; 13...a6±* 0.66/19 *)*
A) 14.Bf4!± with the idea f5 15.Bxf5! exf5 3.05/18 *(⌓15...Nh6* 1.63/18 *16.Bxh6 gxh6)* 16.e6+- Qxf4 17.exd7+ Kxd7 18.Qxd5+ Ke8 19.Nc5 Rd8 Repels Qd5-d7+ 20.Qb3±;
B) 14.Bf4!+- 1.97/20 f5 15.h4;
C) 14.exf6?! 0.21/16 14...Nxf6= 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 *(15...Nd8=* 0.83/19 15...Nc6xd4 0.21*)* 16.Nxd4 *(16.cxd4 0-0 17.Ne5* with compensation*)* 16...0-0 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Rxe6 Bc5 19.Be3= Borkovec,M (2156)-Audi,A (2391), Ceske Budejovice 2023]

(Diagram)



11.Rb1 Qc7



12.c4! The most interesting move, and a dangerous one.

[12.Nb3 Nc4 13.Nbd4 a6 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Ng5 Bc6 16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Ne4 Rd8 18.Qf3 Rd5 19.Be3 Rb5 20.a4 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 f5 22.Nd6+ Bxd6 23.Qxc6+ bxc6 24.exd6 Kd7 25.Rb8 Kxd6 26.f4 c5 1-0 (55) Rojas Salas,S (2223)-Ticona Rocabado,L (2322) Cusco zt 2.4 2025 (7)]

12...dxc4

[Perhaps 12...Nxc4!? should be considered. There might follow 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Ne4 With the idea Ne4-d6+. Bc6 0.55/19 *(14...b5!?; 14...b6=* 0.13/21 is superior.*)* 15.Nd6+± Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ne5 Nf6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bh4! g5 20.Bg3 Bd5∞]

13.Bc2 Ne7!? 1.69/19 An important juncture.

[In an earlier column I gave 13...Bc6 14.Ng5! Strongly threatening Nd2-e4! Rd8 And now ...c4-c3 would win. 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh3 Bg7! 17.Nde4!

A) 17...Bxe5? 2.77/23 17...Bc6xe4 0.67

A1) 18.Nc5!+- 2.77/23 Bd7 *(18...Rd5 19.Ngxe6)* 19.Ba3;

A2) 18.Nxe6! 0.87/19 18...fxe6± 19.Ng5 0.55/20 *(* White should try *19.Nc5±* 0.97/24 *Bd7 20.Nxe6)*;

B) 17...Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Black must now prevent Bc1-a3. Ne7 19.Ba3!

B1) but here 19...Bxe5 looks okay, in view of 20.f4 0.03/18 *(20.Ba4+!±* 0.70/20 *Nac6 21.Bxc6+ bxc6 22.Qf3)* 20...Bd4+= 21.Kh1 *(21.Rxd4? -2.35/16* 21.Kg1-f1 -0.01 *Rxd4 22.Bb2 Qxf4-+)* 21...Nac6! 22.Nxf7! Kxf7 23.Qxe6+ Kg7 24.Bxe7 Rde8 25.Qxc4 aiming for Rb1-e1. Rxe7 26.Rxd4 Nxd4!? *(26...Rf8=)* 27.Qxd4+ Kh6 28.Qxh8 Qh8-f8+ would now be deadly. Qxc2;

B2) 19...Nac6±]

[Black should play 13...Bc6± 0.46/23]

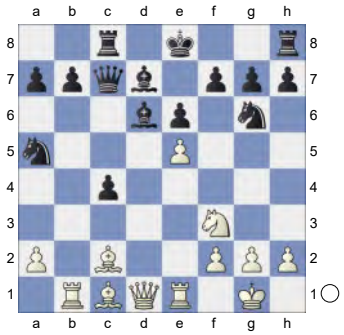
14.Ne4+- Ng6N 2.47/18

[An earlier game went 14...Nd5? 15.Nfg5! h6? 2.43/19 *(15...Nc6±* 0.84/18 *)* 16.Qh5!+- Qxe5? 4.41/20 *(16...g6* 2.08/18 was worth a try. *17.Nd6+ Qxd6 18.Bxg6 Qc6 19.Nxf7 Rg8)* 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Bb2+- Ghimpu,S (2465)-Bonte,A (2334) Jupiter 2023 c3 19.Nc5 Qxh2+ 20.Kxh2 hxg5+ 21.Bh7 Bxc5 22.Qxg7 Bd4 23.Qxd4 Rxh7+ 24.Kg1 cxb2 25.Rxb2 b6 26.Qe5 Nc4 27.Qxg5+ Kc7 28.Rc2 Kb7 29.f3 Nb4 30.Qg6 Rh4 31.Rd1 Nd5 32.Qg5 Ba4 33.Rcc1 1-0 (50)

Lupulescu,C (2465)-Popovic,J (2334) La 81/122 Havana 2001 (2) Rch8 34.Re1 Rh1+ 35.Kf2 Rxe1 36.Rxe1 Re8 37.Qg6 Bd7 38.g4 b5 39.g5 Nd6 40.Re5 Nf5 41.Qf7 Kc6 42.g6 Re7 43.Qf8 Be8 44.g7 Bf7 45.g8Q Bxg8 46.Qxg8 Kd6 47.Re1 Nd4 48.Qb8+ 1-0 (50) Ghimpu,S (2465)-Bonte,A (2334) Jupiter FISCA 2023 (2)]

[14...Nd5± 1.47/20]

15.Nd6+ Bxd6

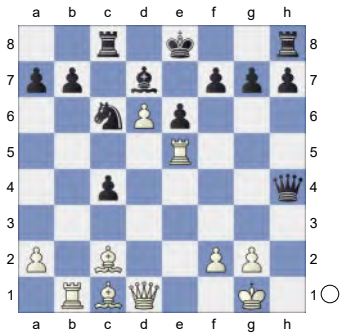


16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ng5!?

[17.h4! Nxh4 18.Nxh4 Qxh4 19.Re5! Prevents Rc8-c5

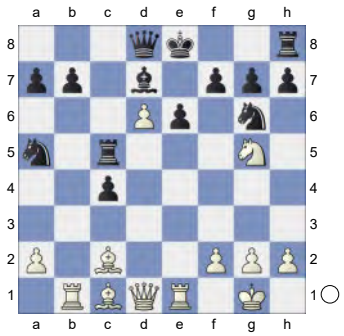
A) 19...Qd8 3.43/18 19...Na5-c6 2.07 20.Rh5? 0.79/18 *(20.Qh5!+- 3.43/18* is the precise move to win. *b5 21.Bg5)*;

B) 19...Nc6



20.Re4! Qd8 21.Rxb7± , This may indicate that 13...Ne7 isn't reliable, and that 13...Bc6 needs to be looked at again.]

17...Rc5



18.Ne4

[18.Qh5 Qf6 19.g4 Rd5∓]

18...Rf5 2.68/20

[⌓18...Re5 1.92/19]

19.g4 1.28/21

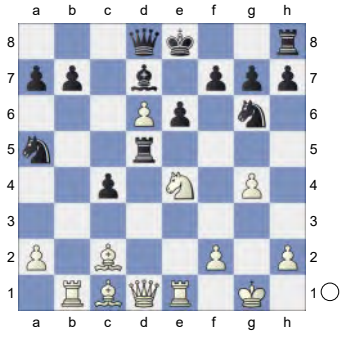
[19.Ng3 Rb5 20.Rxb5 Bxb5 21.Bb2∞ 1.42/16 *(21.Qh5+-* 2.91/19 and White stays clearly on top. *Bd7 22.Bb2)*]

[19.Ng3+- 2.68/20 and the rest is easy. Rb5 20.Rxb5 Bxb5 21.h4 *(21.Qh5 Bd7+-)*]

19...Rd5 1.68/18

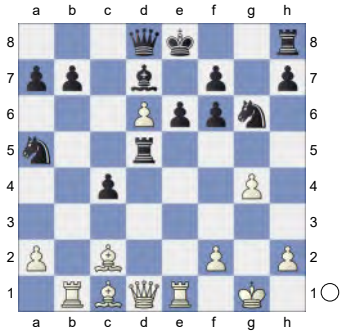
[19...Re5! ...0-0 is the strong threat. 20.f4 Rd5 21.Nf6+! Qxf6 22.Qxd5 Nxf4= 23.Qxa5 0.00/25 *(23.Qf3±* 1.24/21 *Qd4+ 24.Be3)* 23...Nh3+!= 24.Kg2 Threatens to win with Qa5xa7! Qf2+ 25.Kxh3 Hoping for Bc1-f4! Qf3+ 26.Kh4 Qf2+=]

[19...Re5± 1.28/21 keeps fighting.]

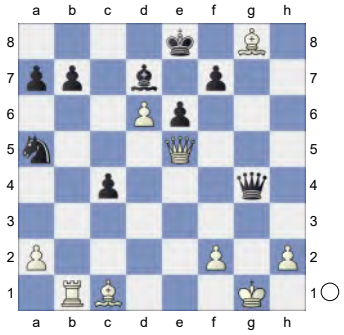


20.Nf6+! gxf6

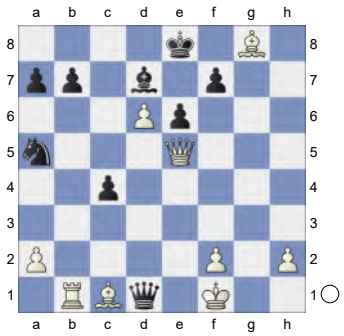
[20...Qxf6 21.Qxd5 Qc3! 22.Qd2!±]



21.Qxd5 Ne5!?
[21...b6]
22.Rxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5 Black is weak on the dark squares **23...Rg8 24.Bxh7?** 0.10/20
[24.f3!± 1.12/17 24.g4-g5 1.69]
[24.Kf1+- 2.30/20]
24...Qh4= Double Attack. The position is equal. **25.Bxg8 Qxg4+**



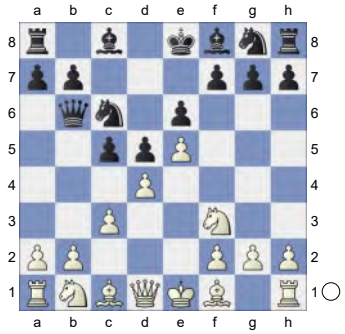
26.Kf1 Qd1+ 27.Kg2 Qg4+! 28.Kf1 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qg4+! 30.Kf1 Qd1+



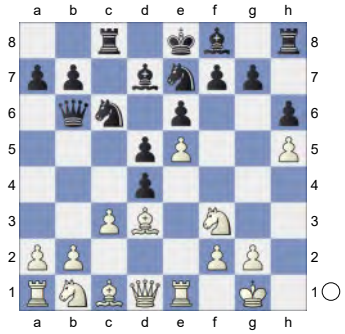
Blacks defense is rewarded with a draw.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/ Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

73 **C02**
□ **Johanssc** **2856**
■ **TheNeapolitanLegend** **2771**
Blitz 17.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**



11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5! 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qe2
[14.Ba3!? Qxc3 *(14...Nec6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.Qa4 Ne7 17.Qf4 Qxc3 18.Bg6 Be8 19.Re3 Qc7 20.Nd4 Kg8 21.Bd3 Bd7 22.Rg3 f5 23.Qh4 Nac6 24.Nxe6 Bxe6 25.Qf6 Rh7 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Rc1 Rf8 28.Nf3 Qc8 29.Qxc8* 1-0 (48) Savitha Shri,B (2348)-Priansh,D (2317) Budapest Vezerkepzo GM 10 2024 (1)*)* 15.Nb3 Nec6 16.Rc1 Qxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Bxa3

18.Rc2 Nxb3 19.axb3 0-0 20.Qe3 Be7 21.Nd4 Nb4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bb1 a5 24.Nf3 a4 25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Kh2 b5 27.Qa7 Bf8 28.Qd7 Ra8 29.Nd4 1-0 (35) Quillan,G (2432)-Polgar,S (2404) Pardubice op-A 2005 (2)]

14...a6 0.57/22

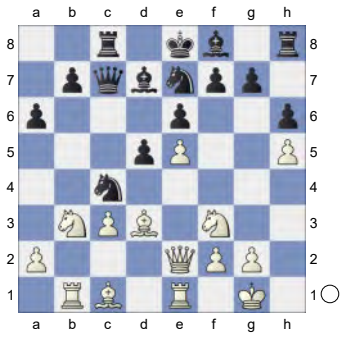
[14...Qxc3= -0.17/20 15.Nb3 Nc4]

15.Nb3N 0.00/23

[15.Ba3± 0.57/22 Nec6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bxc4 Nxc4 19.Nxc4 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline]

15...Nc4 0.36/22

[15...Nxb3= 0.00/23 16.axb3 Qxc3]



16.Nbd4 -0.17/23

[16.Nbd2± 0.36/22]

16...Nc6 0.24/24

[16...b5! -0.17/23 deserves consideration.]

17.Bf4 b5 18.Bc2 -1.49/20

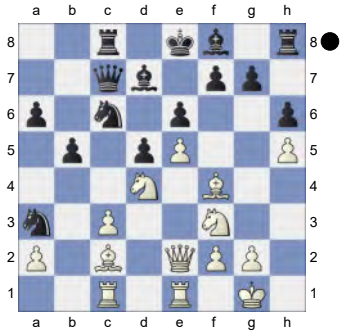
[18.Nxc6= 0.00/19 remains equal. Bxc6 19.Nd4]

18...Na3∓ ...Nc6xd4 is the strong threat.

19.Rbc1 -2.47/20

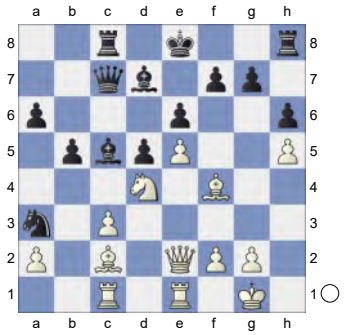
[19.Rb2∓ -1.51/20]

(Diagram)



19...Nxd4!-+ 20.Nxd4 Bc5? 0.18/23

[20...Qxc3-+ -2.24/21 21.Qd1 Qb4]



21.Qg4= Kf8 22.Bd3 Qb6 23.Rcd1 -0.20/21

[Better is 23.Be3± 0.34/23]

23...Bxd4 1.14/18

[23...Nc4= -0.20/21]

24.cxd4± Nc2 2.64/19 Repels Re1-e3

[24...Nc4± 0.77/18 was called for.]

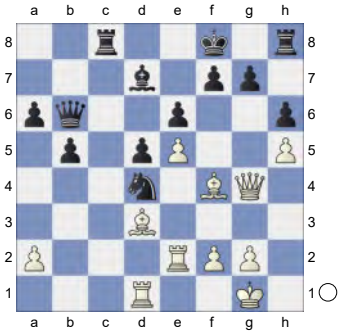
25.Re2? 0.20/20

[White has to play 25.Bxc2+- 2.64/19 Rxc2 26.Re3]

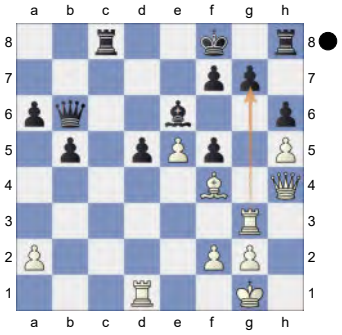
25...Nxd4=

[25...Qxd4? perishes. 26.Bxc2 *(26.Rxc2 f5+-)* 26...Qa7 27.Bd3+-]

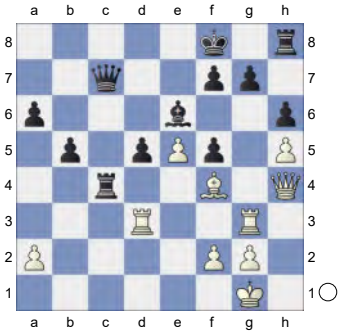
(Diagram)



26.Re3 -0.30/18
[26.Rb2 0.14/20 was preferrable. Qb7 27.Bd2]
26...Nf5! 27.Bxf5 -2.03/17
[27.Rh3= -0.24/22 and White is okay.]
27...exf5-+ 28.Qh4 Be6 29.Rg3

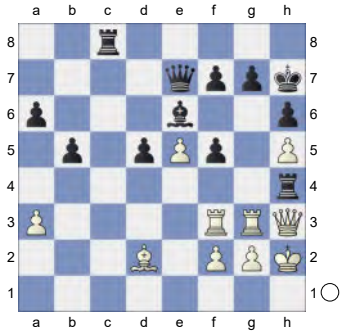


Rc4! 30.Rdd3 -2.54/20
[30.Rc1∓ -1.51/20]
30...Qc7



31.Rdf3 Qe7 32.Qh3 -5.00/20
[32.Qxe7+ -2.05/18 Kxe7 33.Bd2]
32...Kg8 33.Kh2 Kh7 Black is clearly winning. **34.a3 Rhc8 35.Bd2 Rh4**

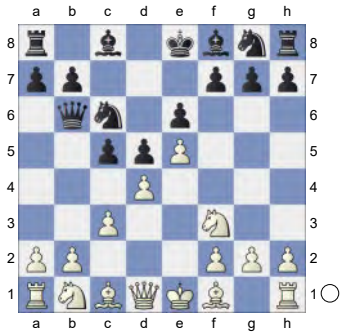
(Diagram)



Pin.
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74 **C02**
□ **MrShaibel1895** **2855**
■ **chesswithmra** **2745**
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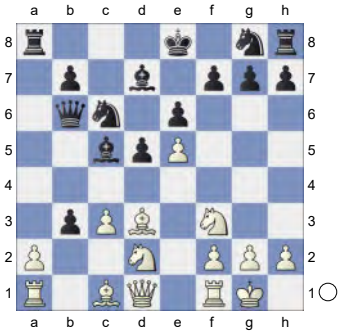
Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5 9.Nbd2 a4 1.01/23 Inhibits Nd2-b3.
[9...f6± 0.49/23]
[9...Qc7 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Qe2 Nge7 12.a4 Ng6 13.Re1 0-0 14.h4 f6 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Nbd4 Raf8 17.Bxg6 Rxg6 18.Bg5 h6 19.Qd3 Be8 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.Rxe6 Bf7 22.Re2 hxg5 23.Nxg5 g6 24.Rae1

0-1 (26) Dubreuil,J (2096)-Andreikin,D (2729) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Sep Late blitz 2024 (2)]

10.b4± axb3



11.Nxb3 Be7N 1.45/19

[Black should play 11...Nge7 0.90/22 12.Rb1 *(12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Be3 Qxc3 14.Rb1 0-0 15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.Ng5+ Kg6 17.Rc1 Qxe5 18.Qc2+ Qf5 19.Qb2 f6 20.Nf3 Kf7 21.Qxb7 Rfd8 22.Rfe1 e5 23.Bc5 d4 24.h3 Rab8 25.Qc7 Rdc8 26.Qd6 Qe6* 0-1 (37) Gitelson,A (2319)-Martin Fuentes,A (2375) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (1) *)*]

[11...f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Rb1 Bd6 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Qa7 17.Ne5 Bc8 18.Bb2 Qa4 19.Bc2 Qe8 20.a4 Qh5 21.f3 Nd7 22.Qe3 Nb6 23.f4 Bxe5 24.fxe5 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Nc4 26.Qf4 1-0 (39) Privara,I (2032)-Lederman,L (2201) Wch Seniors 65 32nd 2024 (4)]

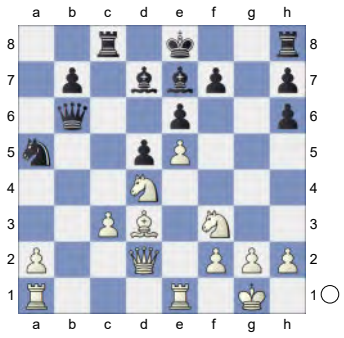
12.Re1 Nh6 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Qd2 Na5 2.20/21

[⌓14...Bf8 1.79/18 15.Rab1 Qc7]

15.Nbd4 Rc8 2.80/19

[⌓15...Bf8 1.81/19 16.Ne2 Bc5]

(Diagram)



16.Rab1+-

[16.Qxh6 Qc5 17.Qg7 *(17.Bxh7 Bd8+-)* 17...Rf8 18.Bxh7 *(18.Qxh7 Qa3+-)* 18...Qxc3]

16...Qc5 17.Qxh6 Qxc3 18.Bb5

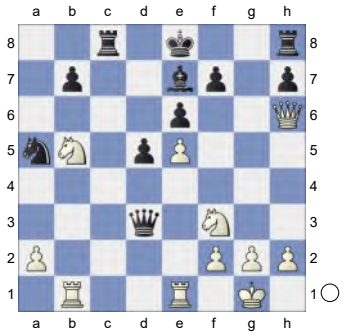
[18.Bxh7?! Qd3±]

18...Bxb5 3.63/21

[⌓18...Nc6 2.48/19]

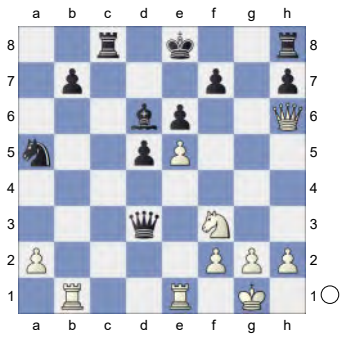
19.Nxb5 A dynamic duo of knights.

19...Qd3

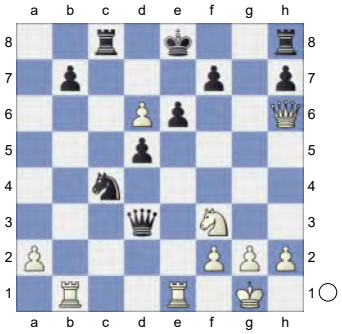


20.Nd6+! Bxd6? 5.76/24

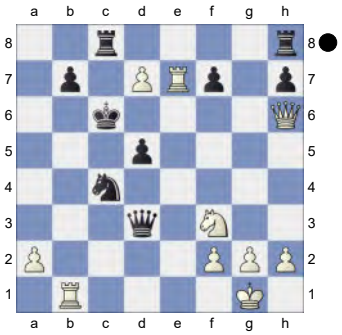
[20...Kd7 3.44/20 might work better. 21.Red1 *(21.Nxf7 Rhg8+-; 21.Nxb7 Nxb7 22.Rxb7+ Rc7+-)* 21...Qg6]



21.exd6 Nc4



22.Rxe6+ 11.00/17 **Kd7 23.Re7+ Kc6 24.d7+**

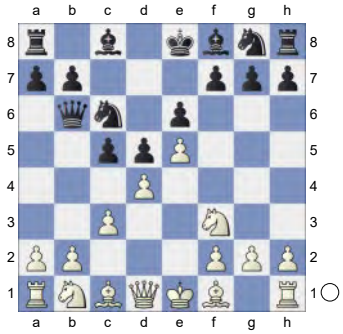


Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
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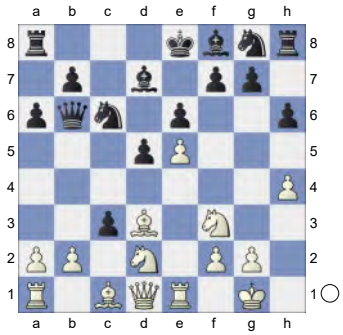
75 **C02**
☐ **Dynamicdesicion** **2593**
■ **www68** **2604**
Blitz 27.06.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)

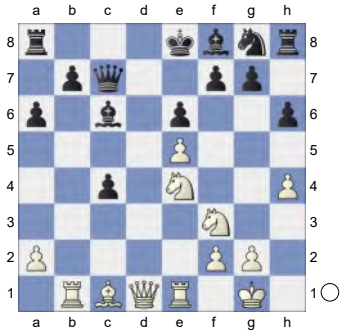


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 h6 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.Nbd2 dxc3**

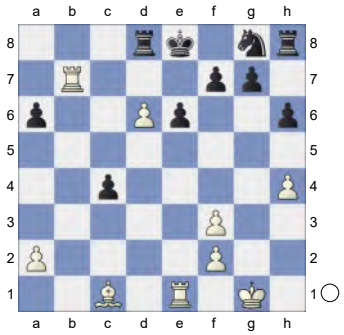


11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1N
[12.Nb3 Rc8 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Nxa5 Qxa5 15.Bd2 Bc5 16.Nd4 Ne7 17.Nb3 Qa4 18.Qh5 g6 19.Qf3 Bb6 20.Qf6 Rg8 21.h5 Bd8 22.Qf3 gxh5 23.Nd4 Nc6 24.Bxh6 Nxd4 25.cxd4 Qxd4 26.Bh7 Rh8 Steiner,A (2198)-Vrana,F (2212) Austria 2023 0-1 (32)]
12...Qc7 13.c4 -0.63/20
[13.h5= -0.20/17]
13...Nxc4 0.05/19
[13...dxc4∓ -0.63/20 14.Bc2 0-0-0]
14.Bxc4= dxc4 15.Ne4 Bc6 -0.01/22
[15...b5∓ -0.47/20]

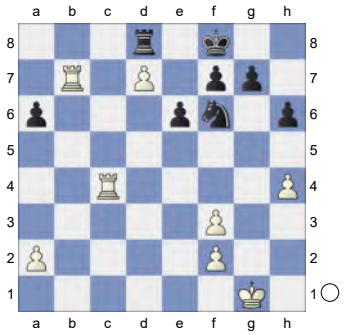
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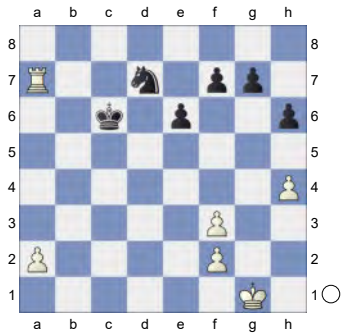
16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Bxf3? 5.62/21
18.Qxf3+- Qc6 19.Rxb7? 2.41/21
[19.d7+ 9.47/21 Kf8 20.Ba3+ Ne7 21.Qxc6 bxc6 22.Red1]
19...Qxf3 20.gxf3 0.43/22
[20.d7++- 1.69/22 Kd8 21.gxf3]
20...Rd8? 2.05/22
[20...Nf6± 0.43/22]



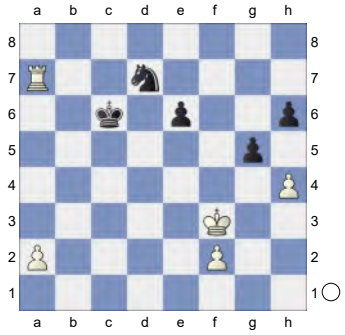
21.Ba3! Nf6 22.Rc1 1.07/21
[White should play 22.Re7++- 2.14/21 Kf8 23.Rc1]
22...Nd5? 3.56/21
[22...Rd7± 1.07/21 23.Rb8+ Rd8]
23.Rxc4 And now d7+! would win.
23...0-0 24.d7 Nf6 25.Bxf8 Kxf8



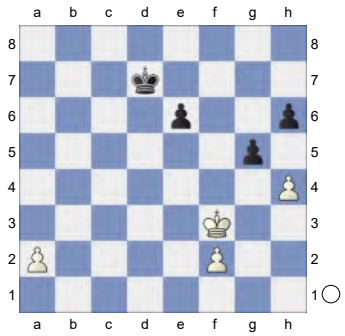
Endgame KRR-KRN **26.Rc8 Ke7 27.Rxd8 Kxd8** KR-KN **28.Ra7 Nxd7 29.Rxa6 Kc7 30.Ra7+ Kc6**



31.f4 Prevents g5. **31...g6 32.Kg2 f6 33.Kf3 g5** 12.68/24
[⌓33...e5 4.94/21 34.Ke3 Kd6]
34.fxg5 fxg5

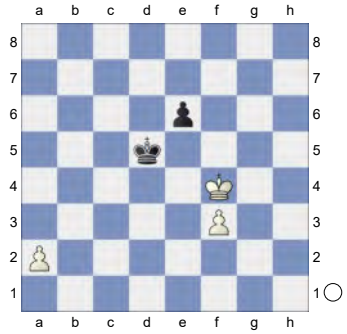


35.Rxd7! Kxd7
[35...gxh4 36.Rh7]



36.hxg5 hxg5 KPP-KPP **37.Kg4** White mates. **37...Kd6 38.Kxg5** KPP-KP **38...Kd5 39.Kf4 Kd4 40.f3 Kd5**

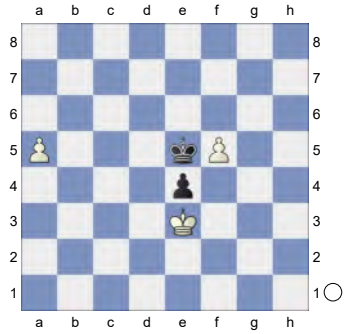
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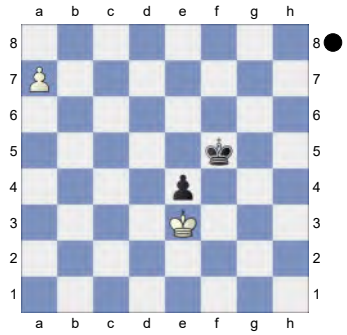
41.Ke3 Ke5 42.f4+ Kd5 43.a4 e5 44.f5 e4 45.a5

[Weaker is 45.Kf4 Kd4 46.Kg3 *(46.f6 e3=)* 46...e3=]

45...Ke5



46.a6 Kxf5 47.a7



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76 **C02**

□ **Johanssc** **2850**

■ **IsolatedMushroom** **2698**

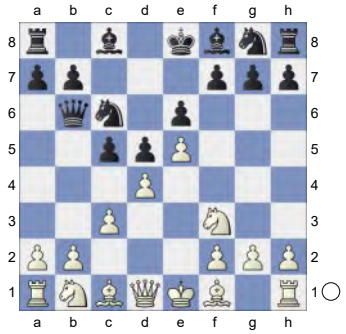
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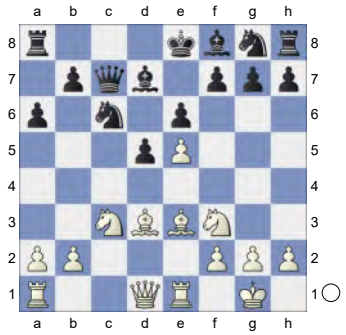
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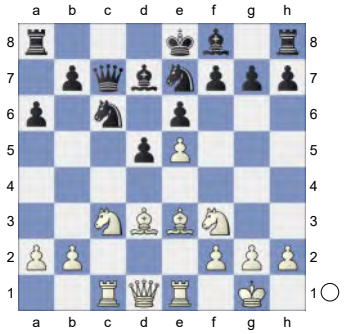
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 dxc3 9.Nxc3 White is slightly better. **9...a6 10.Be3** White has compensation. **10...Qc7** 0.84/21

[10...Qd8!± 0.39/20 11.Rc1 b5 12.a4 b4 13.Ne2 Qb8 14.Ned4 Nge7 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Qxe5 18.f4 Qf6 19.Rc7 g6 20.Nf3 Rg8 21.Qc1 Nf5 22.Rxd7 Nxe3 23.Qc6 ½-½ Delgado Ramirez,N (2562)-Pichot,A (2634) Florianopolis op 9th 2023 (10)]

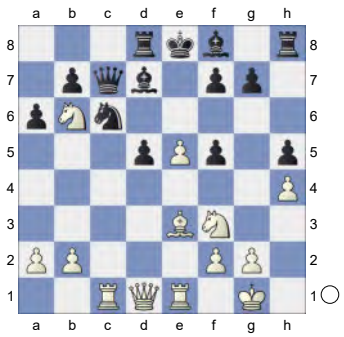


11.Rc1± Nge7 1.33/20

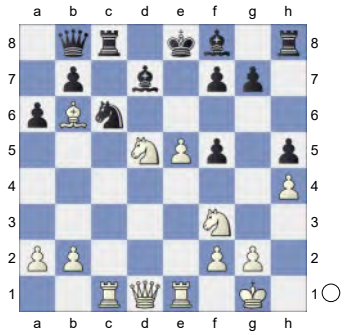
[⌓11...Rc8 0.93/20]



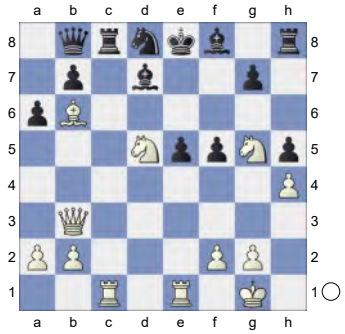
12.h4N White is much more active.
[12.Bc5 Ng6 13.Bd6 Bxd6 14.Nxd5 Qa5 15.Bxg6 Qxd5 16.Qxd5 exd5 17.exd6+ Be6 18.Rxe6+ Kd7 19.Bxf7 Rhf8 20.Ne5+ Nxe5 21.Rc7+ Kd8 22.Rxe5 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Kxc8 24.Re8+ Rxe8 25.Bxe8 Kd8 26.Bf7 Kd7 1-0 (37) Leve,N (2128)-Sydykov,B (2268) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Early blitz 2024 (1)]
12...h5 1.62/17
[12...Nxe5? 13.Nxd5 Nxd5 14.Rxc7 Nxd3 15.Rxd7 *(15.Qxd3 Nxc7 16.Bb6 Bb5+-; 15.Rxb7 Bc6+-)* 15...Nxe1 16.Ne5+- *(16.Rxb7 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Be7+-; 16.Rxb7 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Be7+-)*]
[12...Nc8± 1.21/20]
13.Na4+- Nf5? 3.66/21
[13...Rc8 1.68/16 14.a3 g6]
14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Nb6
[15.Qxd5 Be6 16.Qd1 Bb4±]
15...Rd8



16.Nxd5 Qb8 ...Bd7-e6! would now be deadly. Black is weak on the dark squares **17.Bb6 Rc8** 5.39/20
[17...Be6 3.76/20 is a better defense.]

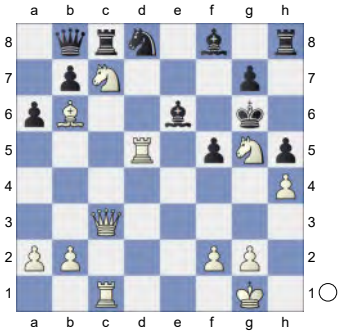


Wards off Nd5-c7+ **18.e6! fxe6**
[18...Bxe6 19.Ng5]
19.Ng5 e5? 7.59/18
[19...Bd6 3.46/17 20.Bc5 *(20.Nxe6 Bxe6 21.Rxe6+ Kf7+-)* 20...Nd8]
20.Qb3 Nd5-f6+! would kill now.
20...Nd8

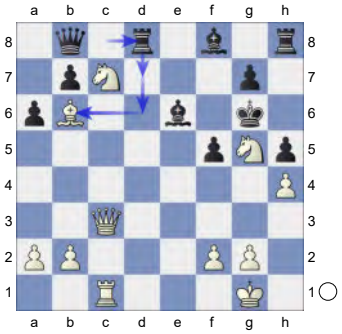


21.Nc7+ Excellent horsemanship.
21...Ke7 22.Rxe5+ Kf6 23.Rd5 15.21/18
[⌓23.Rce1 #4/15 g6 24.Re7 *(24.Qc3 Kg7 25.Rxf5+* Discovered Attack (Check) *Kg8 26.Rxf8+* Deflection, Back Rank *Kxf8 27.Qxh8#)* 24...f4 25.Rf7+ Skewer Nxf7 26.Qxf7#]
23...Be6 24.Qc3+ Kg6

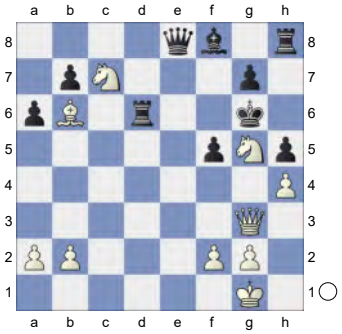
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25.Rxd8! Remove Defender **25...Rxd8**

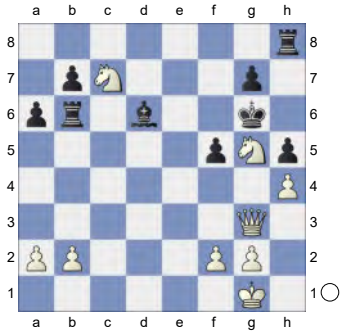


26.Ngxe6 Rd7 27.Qg3+ Kh7 28.Ng5+ Kg6 29.Re1 Rd6 30.Re8 13.29/19
[⌓30.Qxd6+ #2/15 Bxd6 31.Re6#]
30...Qxe8

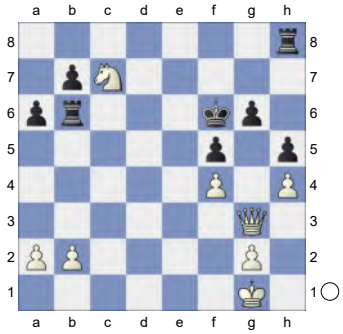


31.Nxe8 Rxb6 32.Nc7 5.68/16
[⌓32.Qc7 12.46/19 Rc6 33.Qxb7 *(33.Qf7+ Kh6+-)*]
32...Bd6

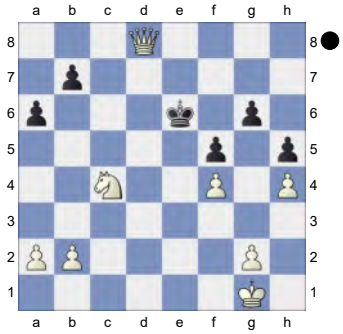
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33.f4! Bxc7 34.Ne6+ Kf6 35.Nxc7 g6



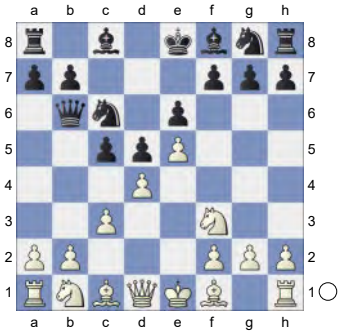
36.Nd5+ Kf7 37.Nxb6 Rd8 38.Nc4 Threatening mate with Nc4-e5+. **38...Kf6 39.Qg5+ Ke6 40.Qxd8**



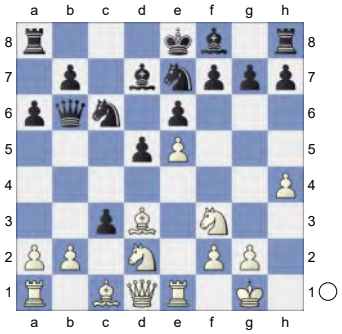
Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.
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77 **C02**
□ **Pigmanbear** **2914**
■ **Jay_Cartwright** **2595**
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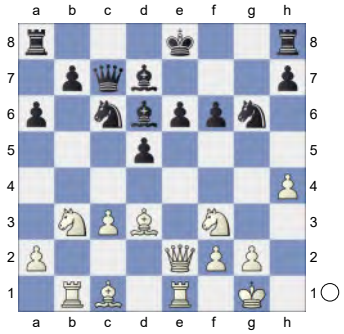
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.Nbd2 dxc3**

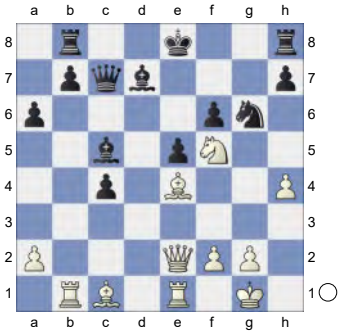


11.bxc3 Qc7 12.Nb3 Ng6 13.Qe2 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Rb1
[15.Qc2 0-0-0 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qxg6 Bd6 18.Qxf6 Rdf8 19.Qg7 e5 20.Bg5 e4 21.Nfd4 Be5 22.Qg6 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Bf5 25.Qxf5+ Rxf5 26.Rac1 Rf7 27.Rxc7+ Rxc7 28.g4 Rf7 29.Kg2 Rg8 0-1 (54) Ulms,S (2111)-Dokhoian,Y (2167) Russian Team Championship 2007 (5)]
15...Bd6

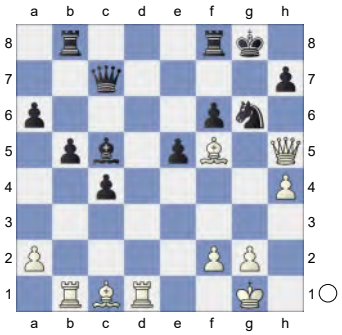


16.Nbd4 Nxd4N 0.84/20
[16...Nce5= 0.00/19]
[16...e5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Ng7+ Kd8 *(18...Kf7 19.Nh5 e4 20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qc4+ Be6 22.Qxc5 exf3 23.Rxe6 Kxe6 24.Qc4+* VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #10*)* 19.h5 Bg4 20.Bf5 Qxg7 21.Bxg4 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Qxg4 23.Be3 Rg8 24.g3 Bxe3 25.Qxe3 VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #9]
17.Nxd4 0.22/18
[17.cxd4± 0.84/20 0-0 18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Qd3]
17...e5 0.78/19
[17...Ne5!= 0.22/18 18.Qh5+ Ke7 19.Bf1 VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #5]
18.Nf5 0.00/20
[18.c4± 0.78/19]
18...Bc5!= 19.c4 dxc4 0.66/20
[19...e4= 0.00/22 20.cxd5 Bxf5 21.Bxe4 Bxe4 22.Qxe4+ Ne5]
20.Be4↑ White is more active. **20...Rb8** 1.21/17
[20...Bxf5± 0.63/20 21.Bxf5 b5]

(Diagram)

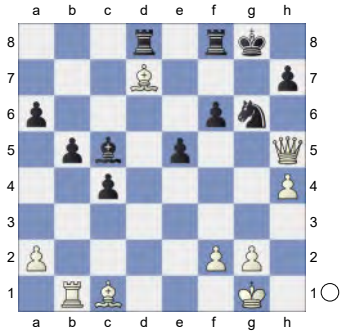


21.Rd1±
[21.Qxc4? is the wrong capture. Bxf5 *(21...Bxf2+? 22.Kxf2 Qxc4 23.Nd6+ Kf8 24.Nxc4+-)* 22.Be3 Bxe4 *(22...Nxh4? 23.Bxf5 Nxf5 24.Bxc5+-)* 23.Bxc5 Bf5-+ *(23...Bxb1 24.Qe6+ Ne7 25.Bd6=)*]
21...b5 22.Qh5 0.28/18 White is much more active.
[22.Bh6± 1.35/16]
22...Bxf5 1.78/16 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[22...Be6= 0.28/18 and Black is okay.]
23.Bxf5+- 0-0? 5.24/19
[23...Rg8 1.65/17 is more resistant.]

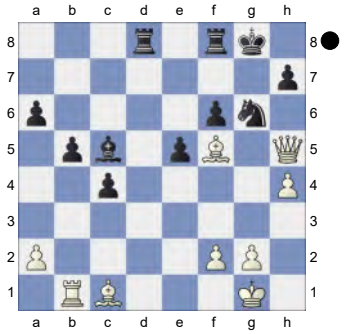


24.Rd7 White is clearly winning.
24...Qxd7 25.Bxd7 This pair of bishops is nice. **25...Rbd8**

(Diagram)



26.Bf5



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78 **C02**
□ **General_Zod_01** **2598**
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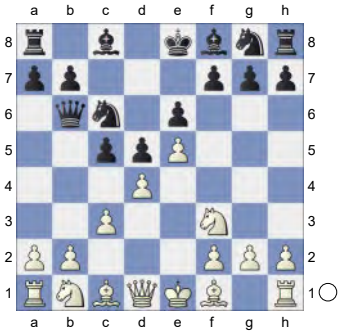
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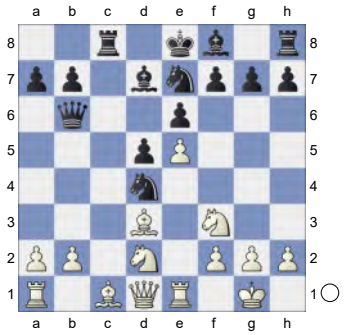
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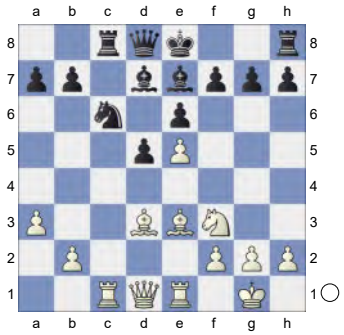
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6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...Rc8**
[9...dxc3 with more complications. 10.bxc3 Ng6 11.Nb3 Be7]
10.cxd4N
[10.Rb1 Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 *(11...Be7 12.Nbxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 a6 14.Qg4 Qc7 15.Bd2 0-0 16.Qh5 Bc5 17.Re3 Bxd4 18.cxd4 f5 19.Rh3 Kf7 20.g4 Bb5 21.gxf5 Bxd3 22.fxe6+ Ke8 23.Rxd3 Qc2 24.Rc1 Qxc1+ 25.Bxc1 Rxc1+ 26.Rd1* Schwarz,M (2418)-Souto,R (2040) Ljubljana 2022 CBM 72 ext [John Watson] 1-0 (44)*)* 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Nbd4 a6 14.Qe2 Be7 15.g3 0-0 16.h4 b5 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h5 Nh8 19.Qc2 g6 Holzmann,M (2465)-Paolozzi,M (2422) Russia 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Olsson; Korrschack 3/2001]]
[10.Nb3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Rb1 b6 15.Qe2 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Be7 19.Bg5 Qc5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6 Rc7 22.Rbd1 Rd7 23.Re5 h6 24.Qg6+ Kf8 Kryvoruchko,Y (2689)-Christiansen,J (2609) Struga 2021 Chess Informant 151 [Jacimovic,Dragoljub] 1-0]
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10...Nxd4



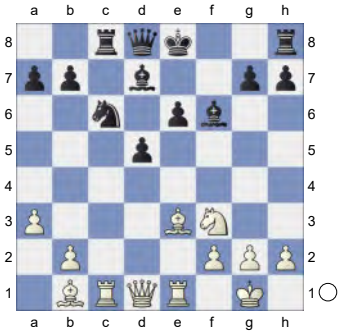
11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nf3 Qb6 13.Be3 White has compensation. **13...Qd8**
14.Rc1 -0.15/17
[14.Bxa7± 0.36/19 Nc6 15.Be3]
14...Nc6 15.a3 Be7



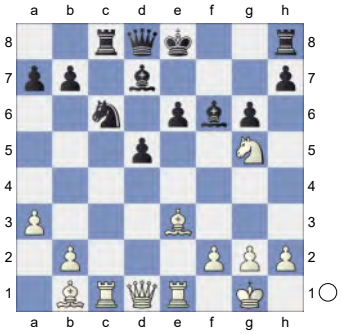
16.Bb1 f5 0.62/20

[16...a5= -0.17/15]

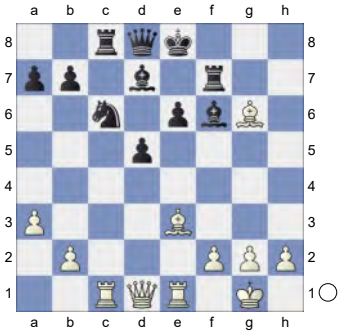
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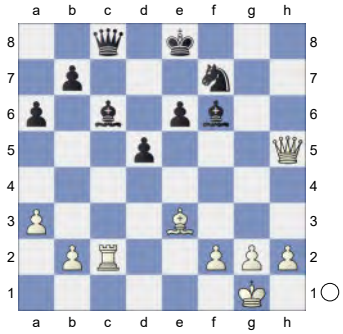
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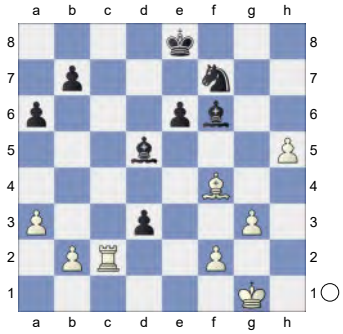
A g a i n s t Q h 5 **19.Nxh7** Remove Defender, Decoy **19...Rxh7**
20.Bxg6+ Rf7



21.Qh5 Ne5 22.Rxc8 -0.01/20
[22.Bxf7+± 0.49/21 Nxf7 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Bd2]
22...Qxc8= 23.Bxf7+ Nxf7 24.Rc1 Bc6? 4.09/19
[24...Qb8= 0.01/20]
25.Rc2? -1.31/19
[White should play 25.Qg6+- 4.09/19]
25...a6? 3.67/21
[25...d4∓ -1.31/19 stays on course. 26.Qg4 Qd7]

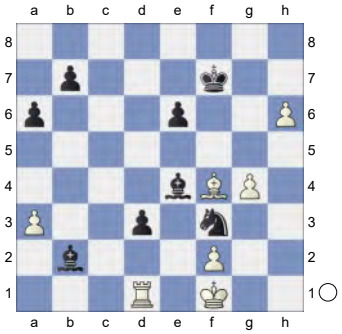


26.h4? -0.75/19
[26.Qg6+- 3.67/21]
26...Qd8 -0.37/19
[Better is 26...d4∓ -0.75/19 27.Qg6 Ke7]
27.g3? -2.41/20
[27.Qg6∓ -0.37/19 d4 28.Bd2]
27...d4-+ 28.Bf4 Qd5 Really sharp!
29.Qxd5 Bxd5 A strong pair of Bishops.
30.h5 -2.26/18
[30.Rc8+ -1.86/20 is a better defense. Bd8 31.h5]
30...d3

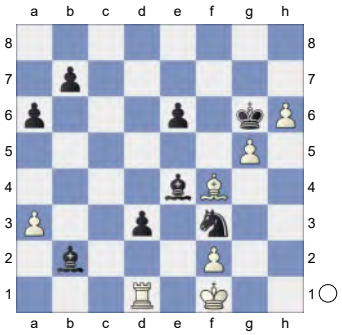


31.Rd2 -2.84/20
[31.Rc8+ -1.97/18 was necessary. Ke7 32.Rc7+ Kf8 33.Kf1]
31...Be4 32.g4? -5.00/23
[32.b4 -2.71/19]
32...Ng5 aiming for ...Nh3+. Black is clearly winning. **33.Kf1 Nf3 34.Rd1 Bxb2 35.h6 Kf7**

(Diagram)



36.g5 -7.41/22
[⌓36.Kg2 -4.57/19]
36...Kg6

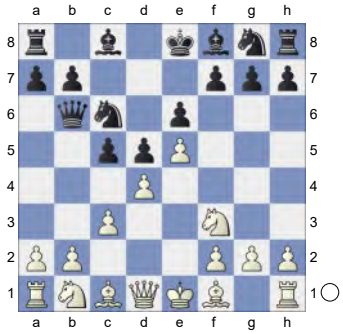


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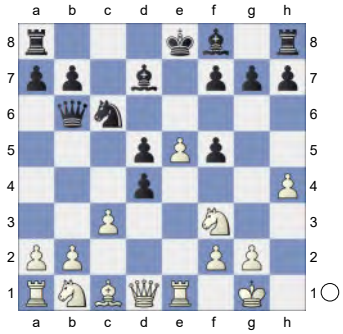
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☐ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2644**
■ **Duda,J** **2750**
Superbet Blitz 2022 (18.4) 23.05.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

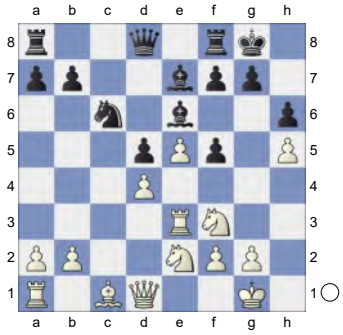
(Diagram)



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.13/19
[7.dxc5!± 0.62/22 Bxc5 8.Qe2]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 Nf5
The position is equal. **10.Bxf5 exf5**

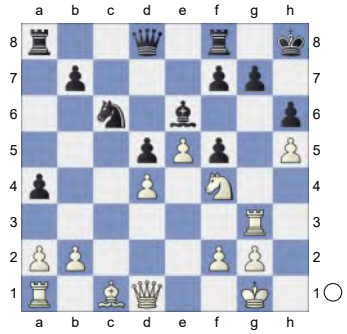


11.cxd4 h6 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Re3 Be7 14.Ne2 Qd8 15.h5 0-0

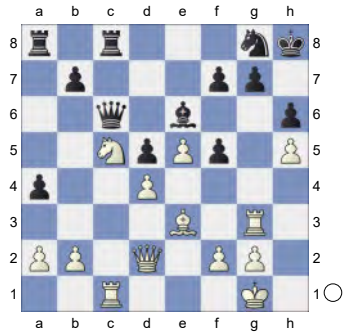


16.Ne1 a5N 17.Nd3 a4 18.Ndf4 Bg5 19.Rg3 Bxf4 20.Nxf4 Kh8

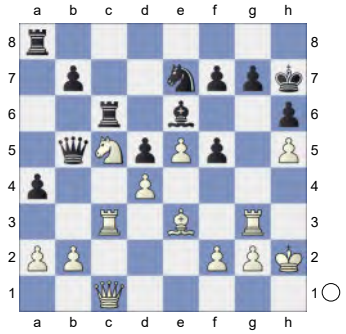
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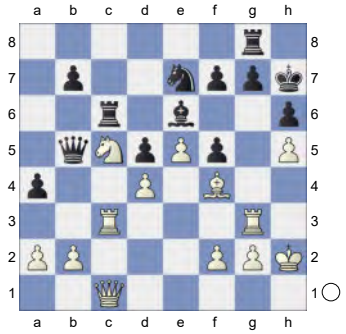
21.Be3 Ne7 22.Qd2 0.59/22
[22.Rb1± 0.99/18]
22...Qb6± 23.Nd3 Be3xh6! would now be deadly. **23...Ng8 24.Nc5** Black is weak on the dark squares **24...Rfc8** 1.05/18
[24...Qa7!± 0.64/20]
25.Rc1 0.60/20
[25.Bf4± 1.05/18]
25...Qc6 1.22/21
[25...Qa7!± 0.60/20]



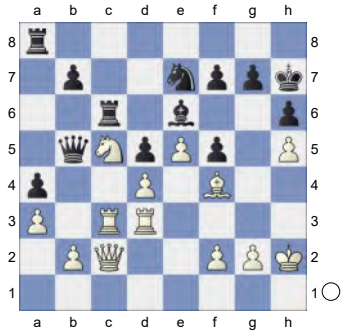
26.Rc3± Qb5 27.Qc2 1.02/20
[⌓27.Bf4 1.44/18]
27...Ne7? 3.58/20
[27...Rc6± 1.02/20]
28.Qc1!+- Kh7 4.26/19
[28...f4 3.03/19 is a better defense.]
29.Kh2? 0.51/20
[White must play 29.Rxg7+!+- 4.26/19 Kxg7 30.Bxh6+ Kh7 31.Nxe6 *(31.Qg5 Rg8+-)*]
29...Rc6 1.02/19
[29...Qe2!± 0.51/20]



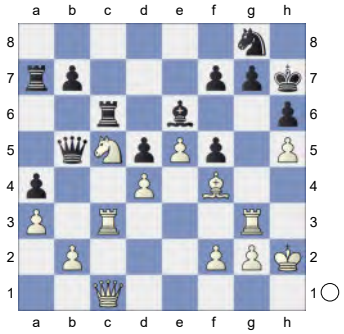
30.Bf4 0.52/19
[30.Bg5!± 1.02/19 f4 31.Bxf4 *(31.Bxe7 fxg3+ 32.Rxg3 Qe2∓)*]
30...Rg8 0.88/20
[30...Rac8± 0.52/19 was preferrable.]



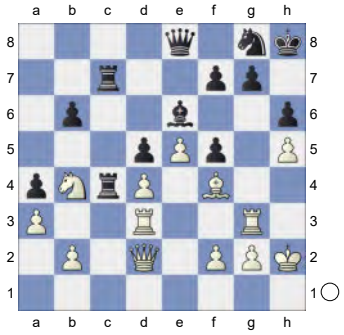
31.Qc2 0.37/18
[31.Qd2± 0.88/20]
31...Qb4 1.29/19
[31...b6!± 0.37/18 32.Nb7 *(32.Nxa4 Rc4±)* 32...Rxc3 33.Rxc3 Rc8]
32.Rgd3±
[32.Nxa4? Qxd4 33.Rgf3 Rgc8∓]
[32.Qxa4?! Qxa4 33.Nxa4 Rc4 34.Rxc4 dxc4=]
32...Ra8 33.a3 Qb5



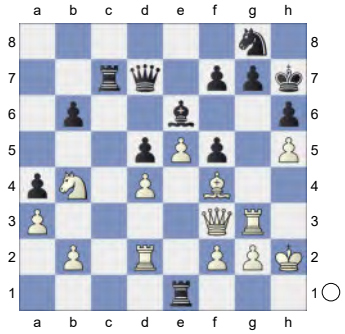
34.Rg3 0.43/18
[34.Bg3!± 1.51/21]
34...Ra7 1.69/18
[34...b6± 0.43/18 35.Nb7 Rc4]
35.Qc1 0.87/20
[White should try 35.Qd2+- 1.69/18 Bc8 36.b3]
35...Ng8? 17.65/21
[But not 35...b6? 36.Rxg7+ Kh8 37.Nxe6 Rxc3 38.bxc3+- *(38.Qxc3 fxe6 39.Bxh6 Qe2+-)*]
[35...Ra8± 0.87/20]



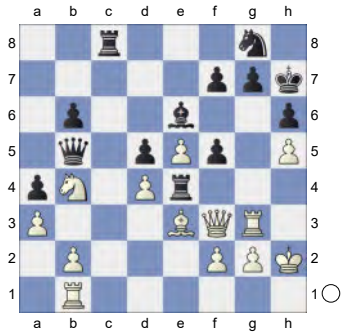
36.Qc2? 1.45/20
[36.Rxg7++- 17.65/21 Kxg7 37.Rg3+ Kh7 38.Bxh6 f4 39.Qxf4 Nxh6 40.Nxe6 Rxe6 41.Qg5]
36...Kh8 37.Qd2 0.40/16
[37.Kg1± 1.58/17]
37...b6± 38.Nd3 Rac7 39.Nb4 Rc4 40.Rcd3 Qe8



41.Qd1 Qe7 42.Rh3 Repels Qe7-h4
42...Qd7 43.Rhg3 Kh7 0.51/18
[43...Qd8= 0.04/19 44.Rh3 Qe8]
44.Rd2 -0.30/19
[44.Bd2!± 0.51/18]
44...Rc1 45.Qf3 Re1

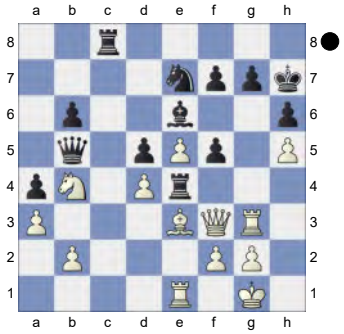


46.Nd3 Re4 47.Be3 Rc4 48.Rd1 -1.57/17
[48.Qd1= -0.20/20]
48...Rc2 -0.49/19
[48...Ne7∓ -1.57/17 ...Ne7-c6 is the strong threat. 49.Nf4 Nc6]
49.Rb1∓ Qb5 -0.09/18
[49...Rc4∓ -0.54/23 is more appropriate.]
50.Nb4? -2.03/20
[50.Qd1!= -0.09/18 Qb3 51.f4 *(51.Rc1 Rxc1 52.Qxb3 axb3∓)*]
50...Rc8-+

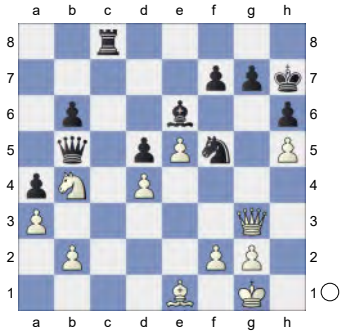


51.Kg1 -2.36/19
[⌓51.Na2 -1.68/18]
51...Ne7 52.Re1? -4.18/20
[52.Bd2 -2.10/21]

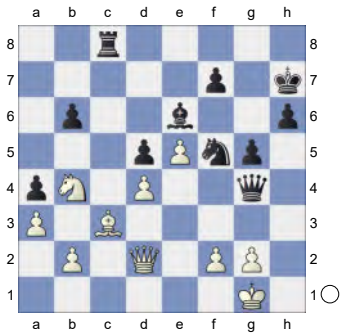
(Diagram)



52...f4! 53.Bd2
[53.Rh3 fxe3]
53...Rxe1+ 54.Bxe1 fxg3 55.Qxg3 -6.63/19
[⩲55.fxg3 -4.28/16 Rc1 56.Qf1 Qxf1+ 57.Kxf1]
55...Nf5

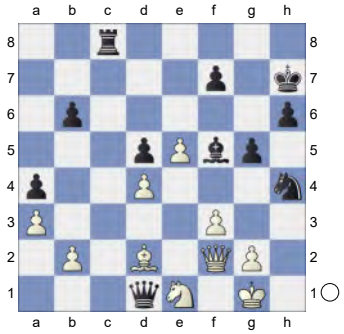


56.Qf4 Qe2 57.Bc3 Qd1+ 58.Kh2 Qxh5+ 59.Kg1 g5 60.Qd2 Qg4

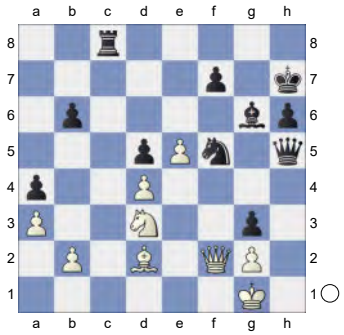


White must now prevent ...Nf5-h4.
61.Nc2 Nh4 62.Ne1 Bf5 63.f3 Qf4 64.Qf2 Qc1 65.Bd2 Qd1

(Diagram)



66.Kh2 Bg6 67.f4 Qh5 aiming for ... Nh4-f3+. **68.Kg1 g4 69.f5 Nxf5** Hoping for ...g4-g3. **70.Nd3 g3**

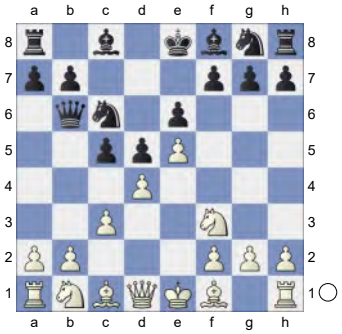


A wild game.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.63/ Black=0.30
0-1

80 **C02**
□ **elconceto** **2897**
■ **ZhohoFF** **2605**
Blitz 25.01.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
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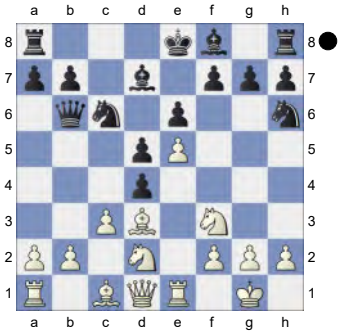
(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.Nbd2 -1.09/20

[9.a3= 0.29/18]

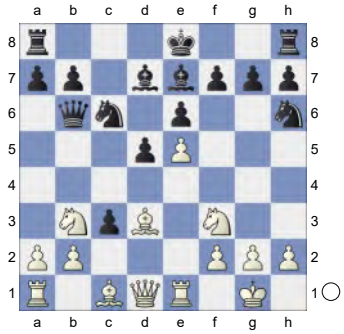
[9.h3 Be7 *(9...Rc8 10.a3 a6 11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Qc6 15.axb4 Qxa4 16.Rxa4 Be7 17.b5 0-0 18.bxa6 bxa6 19.Rxa6 Bb4 20.Rd1 Rfd8 21.Nd4 Bc3 22.Nc6 Re8 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.Bb1* 1-0 (65) Bodnaruk,A (2334)-Nakhbayeva,G (2326) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (1) *)* 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8 20.g5 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7 1-0 (25) Mercado Florez,D (2654)-Chaudagne,C (2672) 1992 (7.1)]



9...Be7N 0.39/21

[9...dxc3!∓ -1.09/20 ...Nh6-g4 is the strong threat. 10.Nb3 *(10.bxc3 Ng4∓ 11.Re2 Bc5 12.Qe1 Nxf2 13.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 14.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 15.Kxf2 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Ba3 e5 18.c4 d4 19.Ne4 Kf7 20.Nh4 b6 21.Rf1 Kg7 22.Ke1 Rhf8 23.Bxf8+ Rxf8 24.Nd6 Ne7 25.Nhf5+ Nxf5* 1-0 (54) Borger,D (1829)-Abraham,M Hebraica op 29th 2022 (4) *)* 10...Ng4]

10.Nb3± dxc3



11.bxc3 0-0 12.Rb1

[12.Bxh6 is more complex. gxh6 13.Qd2 Kg7 14.Nbd4]

12...Qc7 0.92/19

[12...Nf5!± 0.37/20]

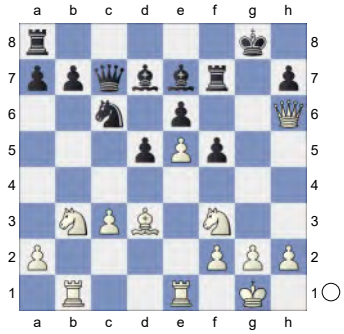
13.Bxh6± gxh6 14.Qd2

[14.Qc1 seems wilder. Kg7 15.Qf4 Rac8 16.Nc5]

14...f5 1.27/21

[⌓14...Kg7 0.81/23]

15.Qxh6 Rf7



16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 Bf8 18.Qh5 0.74/20

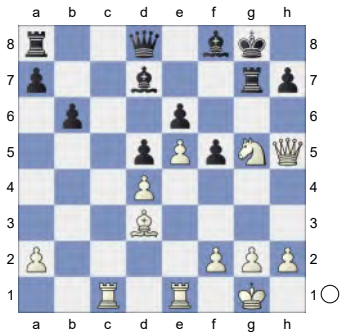
[⌓18.Qe3 1.33/21]

18...b6 1.58/22

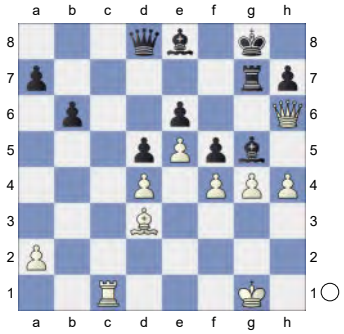
[Black should try 18...Rg7 0.74/20]

19.Rbc1→ 0.52/20 White mounts an

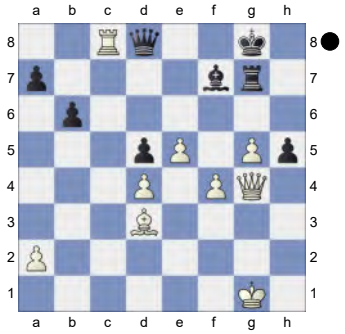
attack.
[19.Ng5± 1.58/22 Rg7 20.Re3]
19...Qd8± 20.Ng5 Rg7



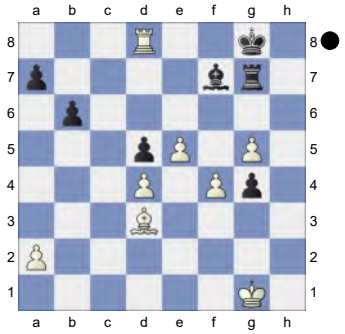
21.h4 Be7 22.f4
[22.Bb5 simplifies Bxg5 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.hxg5 Rc8 25.Rxc8+ Qxc8 26.g3]
22...Rc8 0.89/19
[22...b5± 0.43/19]
23.g4 0.39/20
[23.Qh6± 0.89/19 Qf8 24.Kh2 *(24.Nxe6?* is the wrong capture. *Rxg2+* Discovered Attack *25.Kxg2 Qxh6-+)*]
23...Rxc1 1.14/18
[Better is 23...Bb4!± 0.39/20]
24.Rxc1± Hoping for g4xf5. **24...Be8**
25.Qh6 White has more active pieces.
25...Bxg5



26.hxg5 fxg4? 6.30/19 A mistake that costs the game.
[26...Rc7± 1.29/20 27.Rxc7 *(27.Qxe6+ Bf7∓)* 27...Qxc7]
27.Qxe6++- White is clearly winning.
27...Bf7 28.Qxg4 h5 29.Rc8



Pin **29...hxg4 30.Rxd8+**



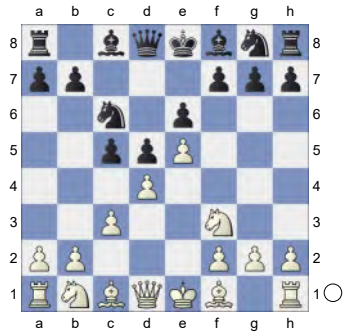
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81 **B12**
☐ **DrawDenied_Twitch** **2826**
■ **jangarbarek** **2638**
Blitz 27.12.2021
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 e6 4.Nf3
[4.f4 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Qb6 7.Be2 Bd7 8.0-0 g6 9.dxc5 Bxc5+ 10.Kh1 h5 11.Nbd2 Nh6 12.Nb3 Be7 13.Bd3 Ng4 14.Qe2 Na5 15.Nbd4 Rc8 16.h3 a6 17.g3 Nh6 18.Be3 Qc7 1-0 (38) Kies,W (2144)-Arlt,K (2015) Leverkusen-ch op 2005 (9)]
4...c5
[4...h6 5.c3 Nd7 6.Bd3 Ne7 7.h4 b5 8.0-0 a6 9.a4 Bb7 10.axb5 axb5

11.Rxa8 Qxa8 12.h5 Nc8 13.b4 Be7 14.Nh2 Bf8 15.Nd2 Ncb6 16.Nb3 Na4 17.Qe1 Be7 18.f4 0-0 19.Ng4 1-0 (28) Jacobs,R (2301)-Martinez Munoz,J (1387) corr S-Open/9-pr 39 2024]

5.c3 Nc6



6.Bd3 Qb6N 1.24/21

[6...Nge7± 0.59/23 7.0-0 Ng6 8.Re1 Be7 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.b4 Be7 11.b5 Na5 12.g3 42. Caro-Kann 3.e5 − 3rd Mo-Caro-Kann 3.e5 e6 #2]

[6...Bd7 7.0-0 Rc8 8.Re1 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4 10.Bd2 Bxd2 11.Nbxd2 Nb4 12.Bb1 Qc7 13.Qb3 a5 14.a3 Nc6 15.Bd3 Nge7 16.Rac1 0-0 17.Ng5 h6 2. Warm-up-Nicola Verrascina Vs Michele]

[6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nc3 Qc7 9.0-0 a6 10.Ne2 Nge7 11.Ng3 g6 12.a3 Ba5 13.Bg5 Bb6 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Bc2 Bd8 16.Bf6 Rg8 17.Re1 Nf5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Nh5 Rg6 20.Qd2 Ne7 21.Nh4 1-0 (44) Richardson,J (2189)-1. e4 c5 2. b3 e/d pawns (1768) Asian Continental 2010 (1)]

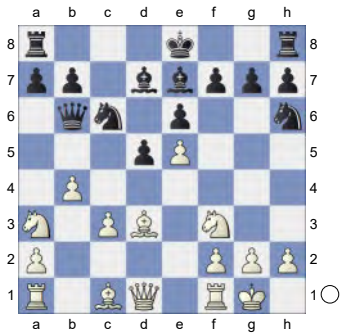
7.0-0± Bd7 8.dxc5! White is clearly better. **8...Bxc5 9.b4 Be7 10.Na3** 1.05/20

[⌓10.Re1 1.47/20]

10...Nh6 1.50/21

[⌓10...f6 1.05/20]

(Diagram)



11.Be3 Qd8 12.h3 0.72/20 Prevents Nh6-g4.

[White should try 12.Bxh6 1.33/20 gxh6 13.Nb5]

12...a6 1.23/23

[⌓12...0-0 0.72/20]

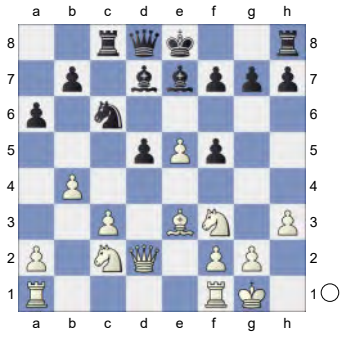
13.Nc2 Rc8 1.29/22

[⌓13...Nf5 0.90/21]

14.Qd2 0.84/22

[Better is 14.Bxh6 1.29/22 gxh6 15.a4]

14...Nf5 15.Bxf5 exf5



16.Qxd5 0.42/22

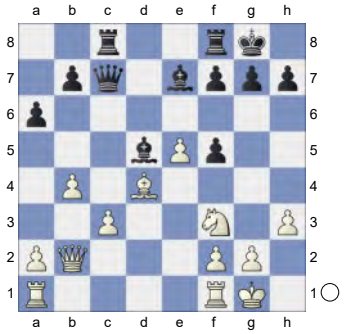
[16.a4± 0.86/21]

16...0-0 17.Ncd4 0.29/19 White has more active pieces.

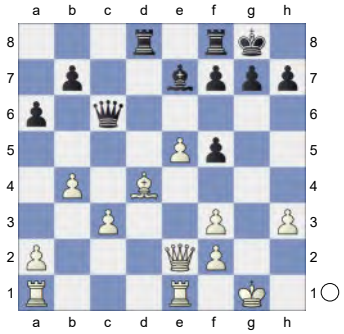
[White should play 17.Qd2± 0.71/20]

17...Nxd4= 18.Bxd4 Qc7 19.Qb3 Be6 20.Qb2 Bd5

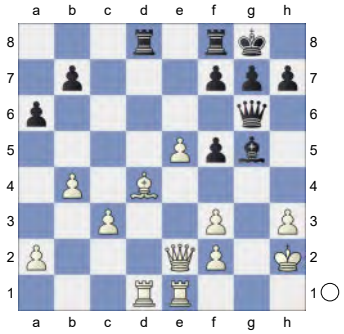
(Diagram)



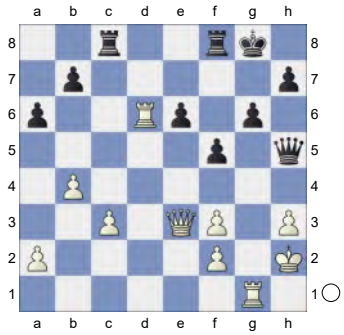
21.Rfe1 Bxf3 22.gxf3 Qc6! 23.Qe2 Rcd8 1.08/22
[23...Qh6= -0.24/21]



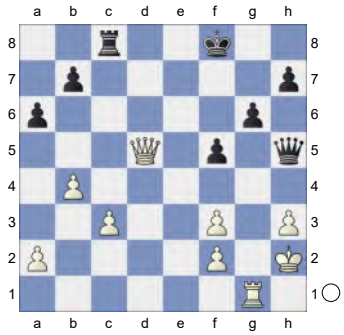
24.Rad1 0.31/21
[24.Qe3!± 1.08/22]
24...Qg6+ 0.70/25
[24...Qh6 0.31/21 was preferrable.]
25.Kh2± Bg5



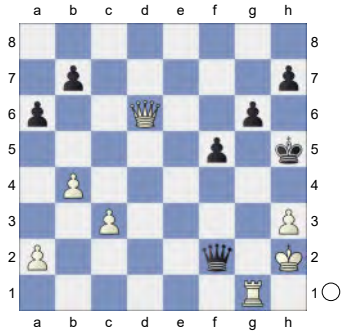
26.Be3! Wards off Bg5-f4+ **26...Bxe3 27.Qxe3 Rc8** 2.41/20 This costs Black the game.
[27...Qe6± 0.99/20 is a better defense.]
28.Rd6+- Qh5 Black is weak on the dark squares **29.Rg1 g6** 3.06/21
[⌓29...Qh4 1.83/19 30.Rd4 Qe7]
30.e6 And now Rd6-d7 would win.
30...fxe6? 7.72/19
[30...Qh4 2.22/16 31.Rgd1 fxe6 32.Rxe6 *(32.Qxe6+ Kh8±)* 32...Qc4]



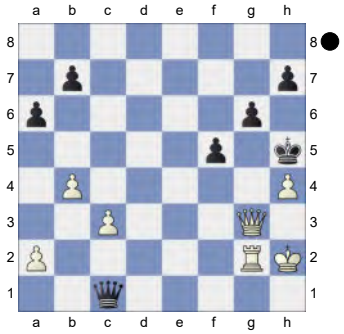
31.Qxe6+ White is clearly winning.
31...Kh8 32.Qe5+ Kg8 33.Rd7 Rf7 Dodges Qe5-g7+ **34.Rxf7 Kxf7** Endgame. KQR-KQR **35.Qd5+ Kf8**



36.Qd6+ Kg7 37.Qd7+ Kh6 38.Qxc8 Qxf3 39.Qf8+ Kh5 40.Qd6 Qxf2+



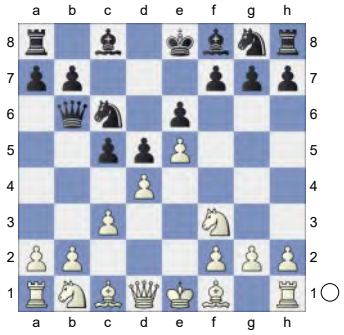
41.Rg2 Qe1 42.Qg3 Qc1 Against Qg3-g5+ **43.h4**
(Diagram)



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1-0

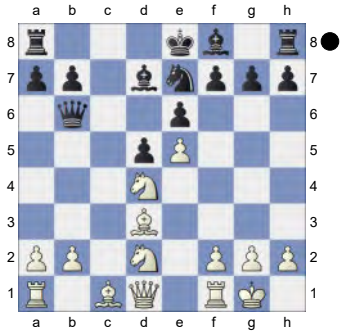
82 **C02**
□ **Kjetil_Lie80** **2637**
■ **madcap_tr** **2545**
Blitz 26.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

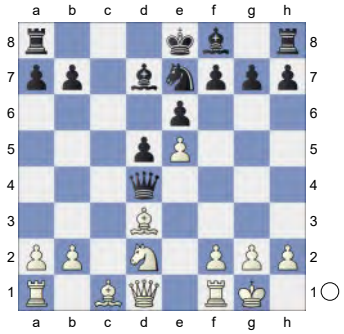


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Ne7 0.10/21
[⌓9...Bc5 -0.24/20]
10.Nxd4=

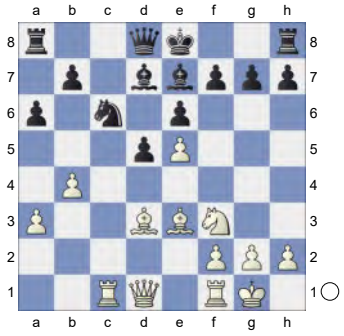
(Diagram)



Remove Defender **10...Qxd4**

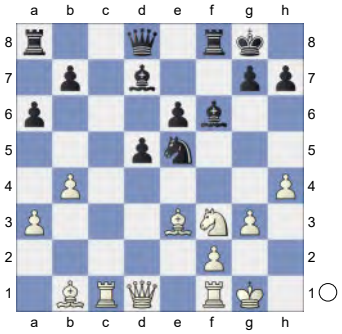


11.Nf3 Qb6 The position is equal.
12.Be3 Qd8 13.Rc1 White has compensation. **13...Nc6 14.a3 Be7 15.b4 a6**

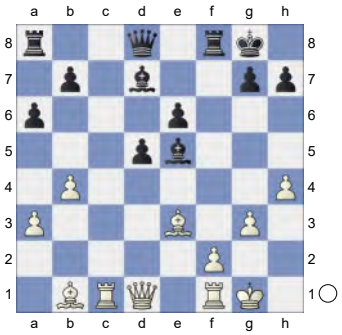


16.g3N
[16.Re1 Qb8 17.Bc5 h6 18.Bb1 Bxc5 19.Rxc5 Qd8 20.Qd3 Rc8 21.Rec1 Ne7 Drygalov,A-Gay,E Soviet Union 200 Traps In The Opening [Dundua,V]]
16...0-0 17.h4 f6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bb1 Ne5? 1.58/22
[19...Be8= 0.05/21 20.Bc5 Rf7]

(Diagram)



20.Nxe5± &Bianco is more active. White is clearly better. **20...Bxe5**



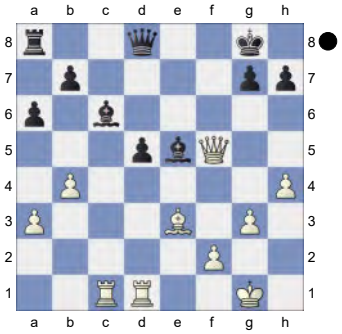
21.Qh5! Rf5 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Rfd1 1.34/20

[23.Qf3+- 1.88/22 Be6 24.Rfe1]

23...Bc6 2.19/24

[23...g6± 1.34/20 keeps fighting. 24.Qe2 Bc6]

24.Qxf5



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1-0

83 **C02**

□ **Motylev,Alexander** **2597**

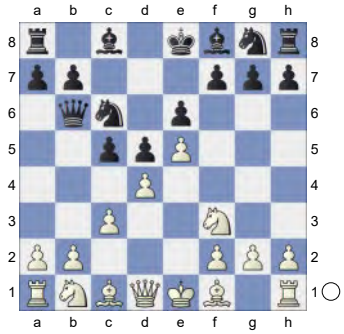
■ **L'Ami,Erwin** **2645**

5. Prague Challengers (1.5) 21.06.2023

[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! outshines the older 7.cxd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.cxd4.

7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.Bxh6N -0.62/20

[White should try 9.h3= 0.04/17 Be7 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8 20.g5 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7 24.Bxg6 Mercado Florez,D (2654)-Chaudagne,C (2672) 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0]

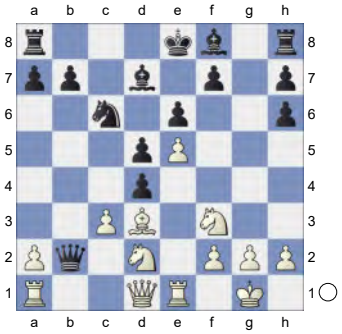
[9.c4 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Nf5 11.a3 a5 12.Bd3 Be7 13.Bf4 a4 14.Nbd2 Na5 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Ne4 Nb3 17.Rad1 Nc5 18.Nxc5 Bxc5 19.Ng5 h6 20.Ne4 Be7 21.Rc1 0-0 22.g4 Nh4 23.g5 Ng6 Lundquist,A (2261)-Van der Muysenberg,F (1956) Cappelle la Grande 2023 CT-2392 [John Watson] 0-1 (46)]

9...gxh6 -0.18/17

[9...Qxb2∓ -0.62/20 is superior.

10.Nbd2 dxc3]

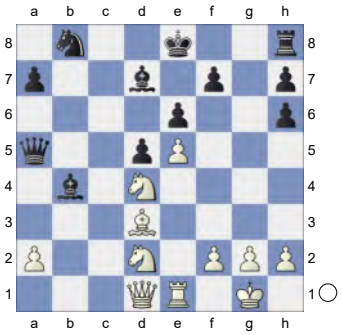
10.Nbd2= Qxb2



11.Rb1N

[Predecessor: 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Rb1 Qc3 13.Re3 Nxf3+! 14.Nxf3 Qc7 15.Nd4 a6 16.Qh5 aiming for Rf3. Rg8 17.Bxh7 -0.51/17 0-1 Gusain,H (2396)-Nikitenko,M (2479) Bhubaneswar op-A 13th 2022 (10) *(17.h4!= 0.01/17)*]

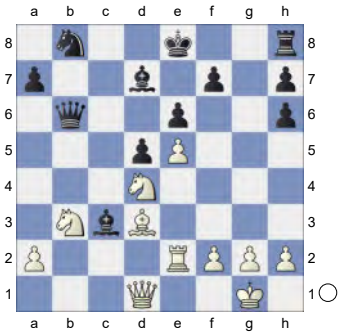
11...Qxc3 12.Rb3 Qa5 13.Rxb7 Rb8 14.Rxb8+ Nxb8 15.Nxd4 Bb4



16.Re2 Bc3 0.49/21

[16...Be7= -0.01/18]

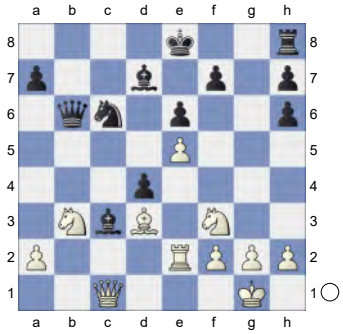
17.N2b3± Qb6



18.Nf3 0.61/20 Pair of Knights!

[18.Rc2!± 0.92/21 Bxd4 19.Nxd4]

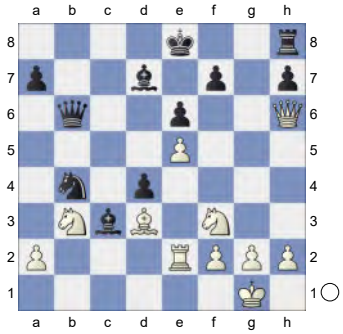
18...Nc6 19.Qc1 d4



20.Qxh6 0.91/21

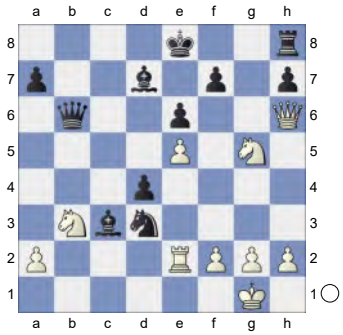
[White should play 20.Re4! 1.28/20]

20...Nb4±



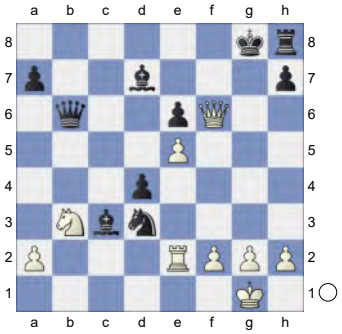
21.Ng5 -0.01/22 &Bianco is more active.

21...Nxd3=

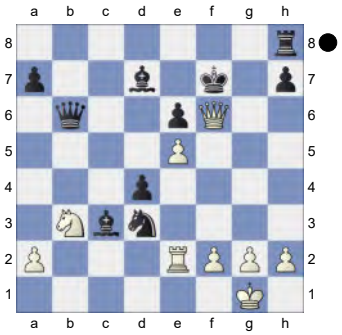


The position is equal. **22.Nxf7!** Decoy **22...Kxf7 23.Qf6+ Kg8** White must now prevent ...Be8. **24.Qg5+ Kf7 25.Qf6+ Kg8**

(Diagram)



Hoping for ...Be8. **26.Qg5+ Kf7 27.Qf6+**

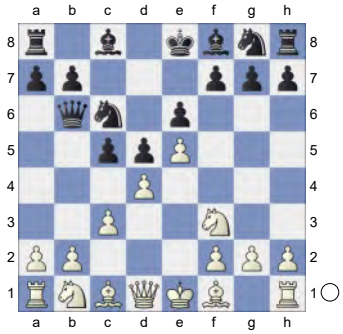


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½-½

84 **C02**
☐ **dr_xStranger** **2599**
■ **rasulovvugar** **2780**
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[Kitty Kat]

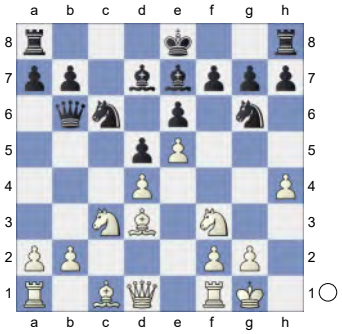
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)

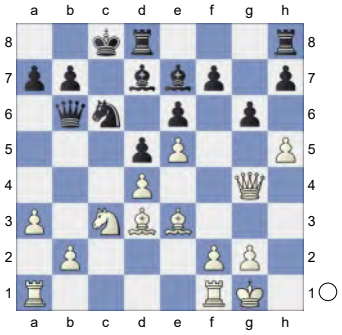


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nge7
[8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 *(9.Nc3 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Ne2 Ng6 12.Qg3 Be7 13.Be3 Qd8 14.f4 0-0 15.Qg4 Rc8 16.Rf3 Nh4 17.Rg3 g6 18.Nd4 Kh8 19.Rh3 Nf5 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.Qf3 Qa5 22.Rh6 Kg7 23.Qh3 Rh8* Herault,T (2027)-Zitzewitz Von (2078) Serbian Team Championship (Game 26) 2023 CT-1266 [John Watson] 1-0 (66)*)* 9...Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Qb6 13.f4 d4 14.Ne4 Nf5 15.a4 a5 16.Bd2 Be7 17.Nf6+ gxf6 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Bxf5 Rc8 20.Be4 Bc6 21.Rac1 Rg8 22.f5 e5 23.g4 Hebels,A (2463)-Kribben,M (2584) ICCF email 2007 Myers [Kribben] 0-1 (44)]
9.Nc3 Ng6 10.h4N -0.01/18
[10.Be3± 0.66/16 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Rfc1 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Na4 Qc7 15.Nc5 Rae8 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Nd3 Qd8 18.Nde5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc6 21.Qg4 Rf5 22.Qxg6 d4 23.Bh6 Qe7 24.Rd1 Kh8 25.Bd2 Chapter-Games Game 4 (35)]
10...Be7 0.94/20
[10...Nxd4= -0.01/18 remains equal. 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Bxg6 Qxd1 13.Bxf7+ Kxf7 14.Rxd1 Be7]

(Diagram)

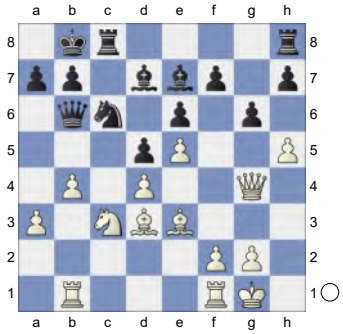


11.h5± White is better. **11...Nh4**
12.Nxh4 Bxh4 13.Be3 Be7
[13...Qxb2? 14.Nb5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 Bxb5 16.Rb1 Qxe5 17.Bxb5+ Kf8 18.Bd3+-]
[13...Nxd4? 14.Qg4 Qb4 15.Bxd4+-]
14.Qg4 g6 15.a3
[15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Rfc1 Rh4=]
15...0-0-0

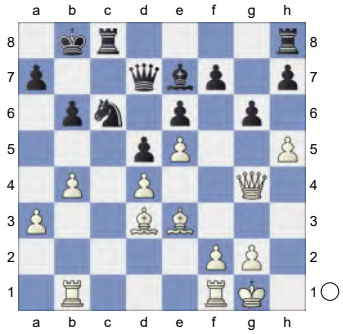


16.b4 Strongly threatening b5.
[16.hxg6?! hxg6 17.Na4 Qb3∓]
16...Kb8 1.92/20
[16...gxh5± 1.13/20 17.Qxh5 Rdf8]
17.Rab1 1.05/19
[17.h6+- 1.92/20]
17...Rc8 2.29/19
[17...gxh5± 1.05/19 18.Qf4 *(18.Qxh5 Rdf8±)* 18...Rhg8]

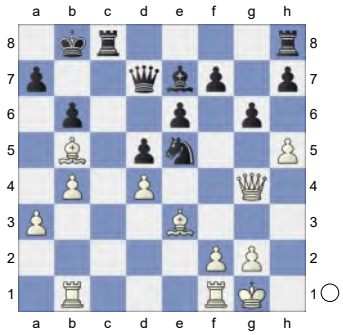
(Diagram)



18.Na4 1.30/22
[18.Nxd5!+- 2.29/19 Qd8 *(18...exd5 19.Qxd7)* 19.Nf6]
18...Qd8 19.Nc5 0.96/17 0x0. 00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces.
[White should play 19.b5 1.38/20]
19...b6 1.68/20
[19...Bxc5± 0.96/17 20.bxc5 gxh5]
20.Nxd7++-
[Resist 20.hxg6?! hxg6 21.Nxd7+ Qxd7±]
20...Qxd7

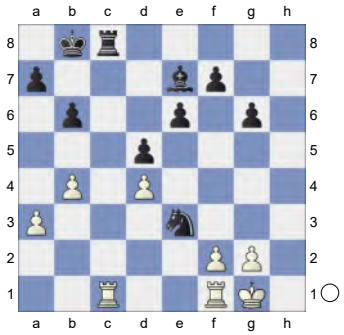


21.Bb5 Nxe5

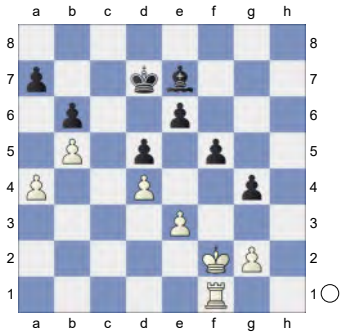


22.Bxd7 0.56/22
[White should try 22.Qe2!± 1.52/22

Nc6 23.Rbc1]
22...Nxg4± 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Rbc1 Hoping for Bf4+.
25...Nxe3 1.98/24
[25...Rc4± 0.51/21]

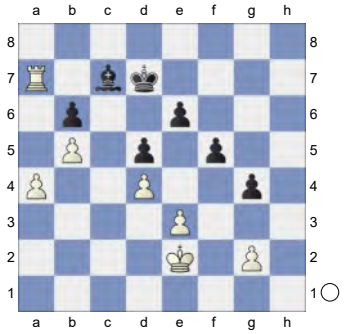


26.Rxc8++-
[Don't do 26.fxe3 Rxc1 27.Rxc1 a5 28.bxa5 bxa5]
26...Kxc8 27.fxe3± Endgame KR-KB
27...f5 28.Kf2 Kd7 29.b5 g5 30.a4 g4 3.42/29
[30...e5 2.41/23 might work better. 31.dxe5 Ke6]

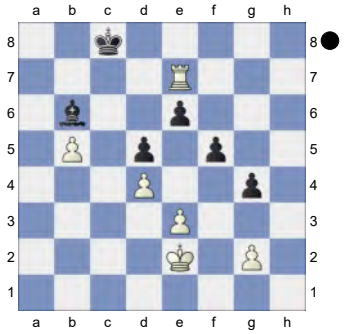


31.Ke2 Kc7 32.Rh1 Kd6 33.Rh8 Kd7 34.Ra8 Bd6? 5.64/28
[34...Kd6 3.33/24 35.Rxa7 Bh4]
35.Rxa7+ White is clearly winning.
35...Bc7 11.29/23
[⌓35...Kd8 5.09/27 36.Ra6 Kc7]

(Diagram)



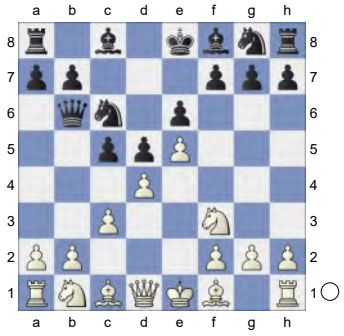
36.a5+- Kc8 37.axb6 Bxb6 38.Re7



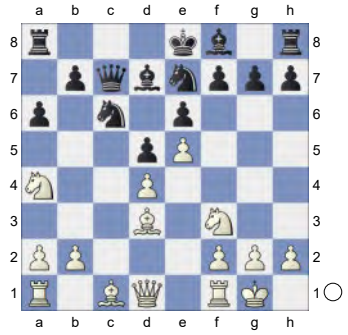
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85 **C02**
□ **Protagonist98** **2637**
■ **TargetPractice22** **2614**
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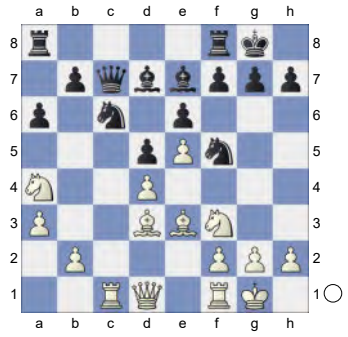
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Nge7
[7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 a6 11.a3 Rc8 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nd4 14.Bb2 Ndf5 15.Na4 Qa7 16.Nc5 Bb5 17.Bc2 b6 18.Nb3 Ba4 19.g4 g6 20.gxf5 gxf5 21.Rc1 Rc4 22.Nbd4 Reindl,J (2394)-Brachtel,R (2603) Leningrad 2022 Inf 70 [John Watson] 0-1 (36)]
8.cxd4 Bd7
[8...Nxd4? 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nc3+-]
[8...Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Na4 Qa6 12.Ng5 Nb4 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 14.a3 Nc6 15.Be3 Be7 16.Nc3 0-0 17.Qb3 Rfd8 18.Qd1 a6 19.b4 b5 20.Ne2 a5 21.Nf4 Qd7 22.bxa5 Rxa5 23.Qb3 Ross,L-Ashok,A (545) Perth 2023 1-0 (73)]
9.Nc3 -0.19/18
[9.Kh1 0.15/18 should be considered.]
9...a6N 0.82/19
[9...Nxd4= -0.19/18 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nb5 Qxe5 12.Re1 Qb8 13.Qf3 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nc6 15.Qxd5 Qd6 16.Qf3 Be7 17.Bf4 Qc5 18.a4 Rc8 19.Rac1 Qb6 20.Be3 Qa5 21.Red1 0-0 22.Rd7 Ne5 23.Qd1 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Nxd7 25.Bxd7 Qd5 Lutes-Kholopov,A USSR 26/345 1996 CYB 01 [John Watson] 0-1 (85) 26.Bb5 Rd8 27.Be2 a6 28.Bf3 Qd7 29.Qc2 Rc8 30.Qb3 b5 31.axb5 Qxb5 32.Qa2 Bf6 33.b3 Rb8 34.Be2 Qxb3 35.Qxa6 Qb1+ 36.Bf1 Be5 37.g3 Qe4 38.Bg2 Rb1+ 39.Bf1 g6 40.Bh6 Qb7 Liccardo,C-Kahn,R Irland Long 1996 0-1 (85)]
[9...Ng6 10.Be3 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.Rfc1 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Na4 Qc7 15.Nc5 Rae8 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Nd3 Qd8 18.Nde5 Bxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 Bc6 21.Qg4 Rf5 22.Qxg6 d4 23.Bh6 Qe7 24.Rd1 Chapter-Games Game 4 (35)]
10.Na4± Qc7



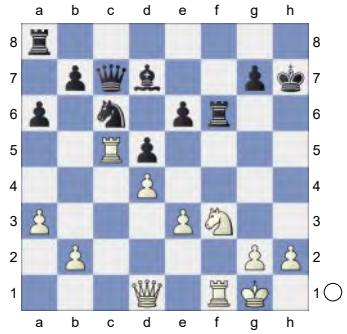
11.Be3 Nb4 1.13/20
[⌓11...Na5 0.79/16]
12.Bb1 0.75/19
[⌓12.Rc1 1.13/20 Qd8 13.Nc5]
12...Nf5 13.a3 And now Bxf5 would win.
13...Nc6 14.Bd3 0.54/20
[14.Bxf5± 0.98/17 Threatens to win with Bd3. exf5 15.Rc1]
14...Be7 15.Rc1 0.48/19
[15.Bxf5± 0.80/20 Strongly threatening Bd3. exf5 16.Rc1]
15...0-0



16.Nc5 0.43/18
[Better is 16.Bxf5± 0.76/19 Black must now prevent Bb1. exf5 17.Qb3]
16...Bxc5 17.Rxc5 Nxe3 18.fxe3 f6 0.99/20
[18...Qd8± 0.61/19]
19.exf6 Rxf6 1.73/21
[19...gxf6± 0.91/20 20.e4 dxe4

21.Bxe4 f5]

20.Bxh7+? -1.40/20 **Kxh7∓**



21.Ng5+ Kg8 0.99/25

[21...Kh8 22.Rxf6]

[21...Kg6= -0.01/24 remains equal. 22.Qg4 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Rf8+ 24.Kg1 Qb8]

22.Qh5± Threatening mate with Rxf6.

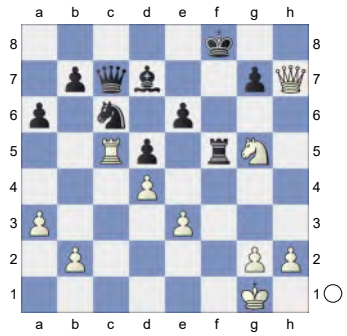
22...Rxf1+

[22...Rh6? is a self mate. 23.Qf7+ Kh8 24.Qf8+!! Rxf8 25.Rxf8#]

23.Kxf1 Rf8+ 2.22/27

[23...Qc8± 1.11/25]

24.Kg1+- Rf5 25.Qh7+ Kf8



26.Qh8+ Deflection **26...Ke7 27.Qxg7+ Kd8 28.Qg8+** White has strong compensation.

[Resist 28.g4?! Rxg5 29.Qxg5+ Kc8]

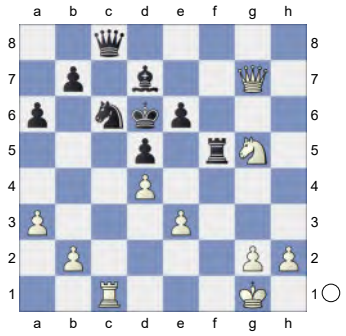
28...Ke7 29.Rc1? -0.01/21 Chess con chili.

[29.g4+- 2.20/22 Rxg5 30.Qxg5+ Ke8 31.Qg8+ Ke7 32.Qg7+ Kd8 33.Qg8+ Ke7 34.Rc2]

29...Qc8 1.00/22

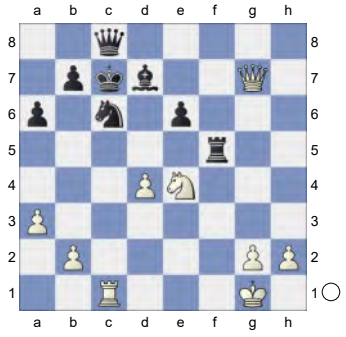
[29...Qb6= -0.01/21 keeps the balance. 30.Qg7+ Ke8 31.Qg6+ Ke7 32.Qg7+ Ke8 33.Qg6+ Ke7 34.Qg7+]

30.Qg7+± Kd6



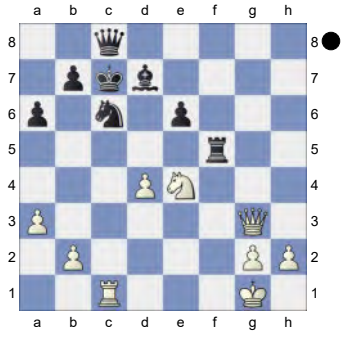
...Qf8 is the strong threat. **31.e4** &Bianco is much more active. **31...dxe4**

32.Nxe4+ Kc7



33.Qg3+!

[Not 33.Qe7? Kb6 34.Qg7 *(34.Qd6? Rd5-+)* 34...Qd8-+]

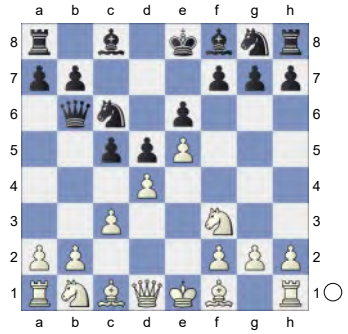


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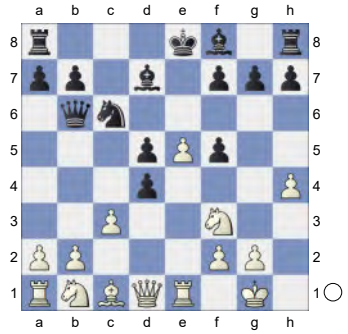
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86 **C02**
□ **Christiansen,Johan-Sebastian** **2629**
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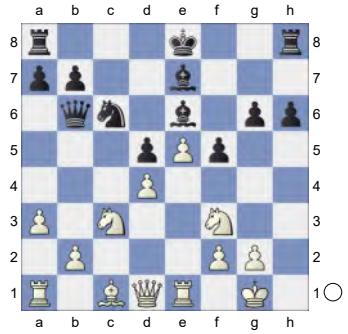
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5
[3...Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Be7 11.h3 h6 12.0-0 Be6 13.a3 0-0 14.Bb1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.b4 Raf8 18.Bb2 Sermek,A (1678)-Fields,P (1942) Linz 2023 CT-1266 [John Watson] 0-1 (76)]
4.e5N
[4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Bc4 Be8 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bc6 17.Ne5 Bd5 18.a3 Nc6 Varga,Z (2450)-Fogarasi,T (2505) Budapest 1996 CBM 057 [Har Zvi,Ronen] 1-0 (50) 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Qxe7 Rfe8 22.Qb7 dxc4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Qxc6 Qb6 25.Qxc4 Qxb2 26.Qd3 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 Re1+ 28.Rxe1 Qxd4 29.Rad1 Qc5 30.Rd3 h5 31.h4 Qc4 32.Rh3 Kf8 33.Ree3 Qc1+ 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) Amsterdam 1996 CBM 197 [Krezhanovsky,Sergey] 1-0 (50) 34.Kh2 Qc7+ 35.Rhg3 Qf4 36.Ref3 Qxh4+ 37.Rh3 Qg5 38.g3 Kg7 39.Rh4 Kg6 40.Ra4 a5 41.Raf4 Qe5 42.Kh3 f5 43.a4 Qd5 44.Kh2 Kg5 45.Re3 Qc5 46.Kh3 Qd5 47.Ref3 Kg6 48.Kh2 Kg5 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) Amsterdam 1996 CBM 197 [Krezhanovsky,Sergey] 1-0 (50)]
4...Nc6 5.d4 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Nf5 10.Bxf5 exf5**

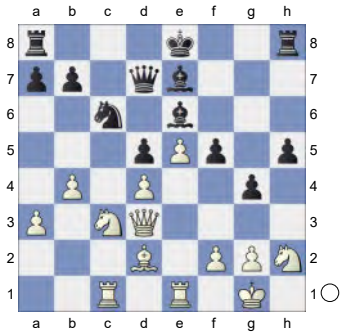


11.cxd4 Be7 12.Nc3 Be6 13.h5 h6 14.a3 g5 0.70/20
[14...0-0= 0.16/20]
15.hxg6!± fxg6

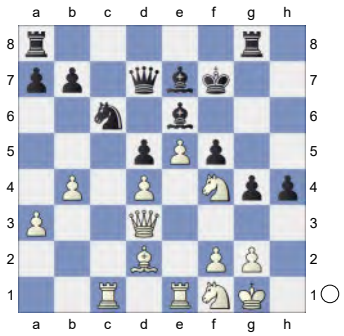


16.b4 Qd8 0.88/20
[16...g5± 0.55/20]
17.Qd3
[17.Nb5 seems wilder. Qd7 18.Qe2 Kf7 19.Nd6+]
17...g5 18.Bd2 Qd7 0.82/18
[18...a6± 0.51/20]

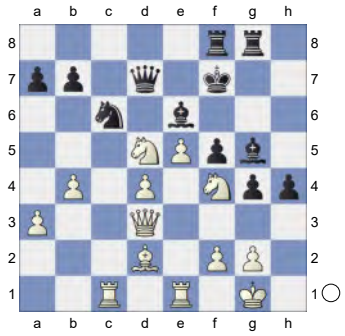
19.Rac1 0.37/21 &Bianco is more active.
[19.b5± 0.82/18 Nd8 20.Ne2]
19...g4 0.76/23
[19...a6± 0.37/21]
20.Nh2± h5 1.27/22
[⌓20...a6 0.94/18]



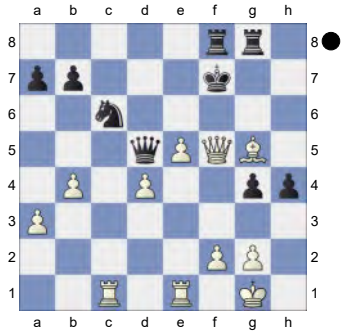
21.Ne2 h4 1.66/21
[21...Bd8± 1.18/21 was worth a try. 22.Nf4 h4]
22.Nf4 0.97/20
[22.b5+- 1.66/21 Nd8 23.Nf4]
22...Rg8 1.88/22
[22...a6± 0.97/20 was called for. 23.Nf1 Rf8]
23.Nf1 1.44/20
[Better is 23.Nxe6+- 1.88/22 Qxe6 24.b5]
23...Kf7? 3.13/21
[23...a6± 1.44/20 24.Ne3 g3]



Black cannot hold the game after this.
24.Ne3 Raf8 4.96/23
[⌓24...Bg5 3.21/19]
25.Nexd5+- Pair of Knights!
[Not 25.b5 Nd8 26.Rc2 Bg5+-]
25...Bg5? 9.03/22
[25...g3 3.96/20 26.b5 gxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rg3]



26.Nxe6 White is clearly winning.
26...Qxe6 27.Bxg5 Qxd5 28.Qxf5+

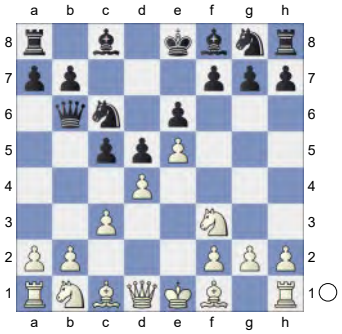


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87 **C02**
□ **blank37** **2637**
■ **KaratelOnline** **2602**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

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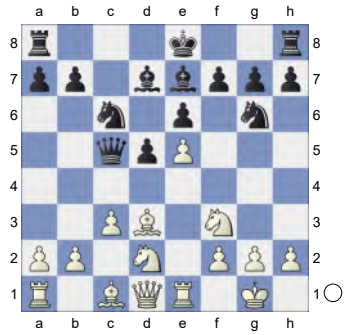


6.Bd3 Nge7N 0.54/18

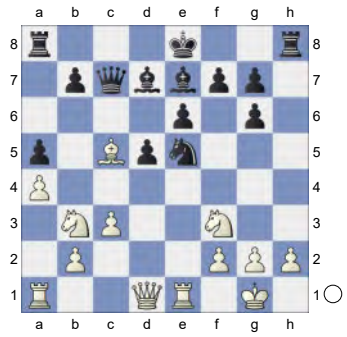
[6...cxd4= 0.01/19 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7 9.b3 Nf5 10.Bb2 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 Be7 12.g4 Nh4 Chapter Sarajevo 1992 200 Traps In The Opening [John Watson]]

[6...Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 *(8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 a6 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Nf8 15.Rb1 h6 16.c4 Nb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nfd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bg4 20.Bd2 Ne6 21.Qg3 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qd7* Corominas Garrido,A (2389)-Reichardt,J (2204) corr Cuba 2023 CB on-line [John Watson] 1-0*)* 8...Nxd4 9.Nxd4 *(9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Nb3 Nc6 12.Qg3 g6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 b6 15.Rac1 Qb7 16.Qf2 h5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nxa5 bxa5 19.Qd2 Be7 20.Qxa5 Bd8 21.Qd2 Bb6 22.Bxb6 Qxb6+ 23.Qf2 0-0* Kulich,F (2028)-Kedrzynski,A (1462) Jaen Liptovsky 2023 1-0 (59)*)* 9...Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qb6 *(10...a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Nxd3 15.Rxd3 Qb6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.f5 Bc6 19.Qg4 0-0-0 20.fxe6 fxe6* 6.Bd3 cd4 7.cd4 Bd7 CBM 025 [Knaak,Rainer]*)* 11.Qe2 a6 12.Kh1 Ne7 13.f4 g6 14.Be3 Qc7 15.Rac1 Qd8 16.f5 exf5 17.Bg5 Be6 18.Bb5+ axb5 19.Nxb5 Bg7 20.Nc7+ Kf8 21.Nxa8 10.0-0 ♖e8 11. ♗c2 ♘f8_1 (1860)-Kostopoulos,E (1930) Budapest 2003 Schiller's List 1. d4 [Dragan Solak] 1-0]

7.dxc5± Qxc5 8.0-0 Ng6 9.Re1 White is slightly better. **9...Bd7 10.Nbd2 Be7**



11.a4 a5 12.Nb3 Qb6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.Bc5 Nxe5 0.33/20



16.Nxe5

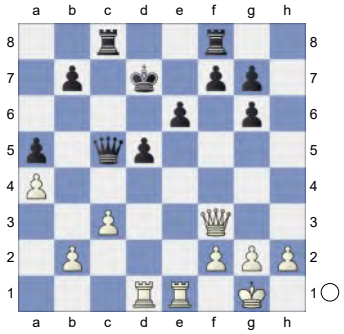
[Of course not 16.Rxe5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 *(17.Qxd5? Bd6-+)* 17...Qxc5∓]

16...Bxc5 17.Qf3 Rf8 18.Nxc5 Qxc5 19.Nxd7 -0.01/20 &Bianco is more active.

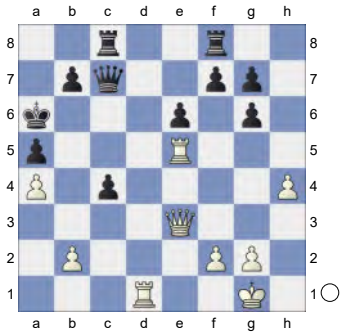
[White should try 19.Qh3± 0.65/19]

19...Kxd7= 20.Rad1 Rac8

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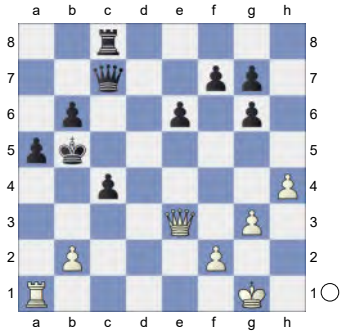


21.h4 Kc7 22.c4 dxc4
[22...Qxc4? 23.Rc1 Kd7 24.Rxc4 Rxc4 25.g3+-]
23.Qf4+ Kb6 24.Re5 Qc7
[24...g5? 25.Qxg5 *(25.hxg5 Qc7±)* 25...Qc6 26.Rb5+ *(26.Rxa5 f6±)* 26...Ka7 27.Rxa5+ Kb8 28.Qxg7+-]
25.Qe3+ -1.33/22 White is on the road to losing.
[25.Rb5+!∓ -0.57/23 Ka7 26.Qxc7 Rxc7 27.Rxa5+ Kb8 28.f3]
25...Ka6∓

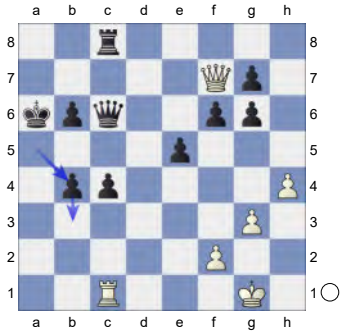


26.Rb5? -2.81/22
[26.Re4∓ -1.15/21]
26...Rfd8-+ 27.Rc1 Rd5 28.g3 -3.35/22
[⌓28.Qc3 -2.12/21]
28...Rxb5 29.axb5+ Kxb5 Endgame KQR-KQR **30.Ra1 b6**

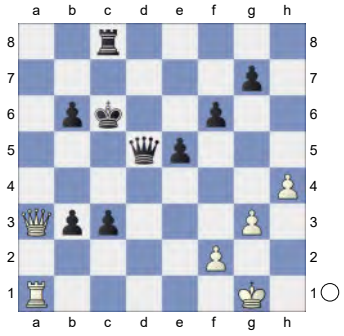
(Diagram)



31.Qd4 e5 32.Qd5+ Ka6 33.Rc1 f6 34.b4? -6.73/19
[34.Rd1 -3.23/20]
34...Qc6 35.Qf7 axb4

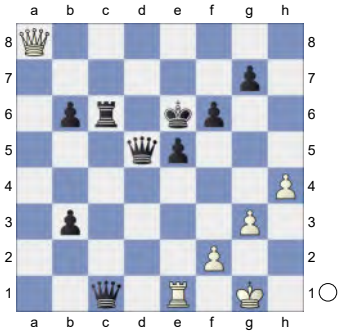


...c3 is the strong threat. **36.Ra1+ Kb5 37.Qxg6 b3 38.Qb1 Qd5 39.Qb2 c3 40.Qa3 Kc6**

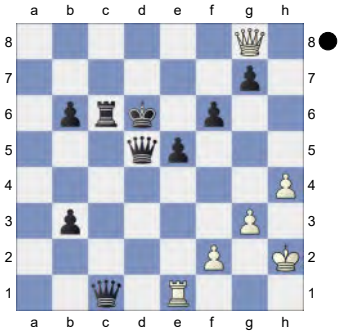


Threatens to win with ...c2. **41.Qa4+ Kd6 42.Qa3+** -10.90/20
[⌓42.Qb4+ -5.10/21 Qc5 43.Rd1+ Kc7 44.Qxb3]
42...Ke6 43.Re1 Rc6 White must now prevent ...c2. **44.Qa6 c2 45.Qa8 c1Q**

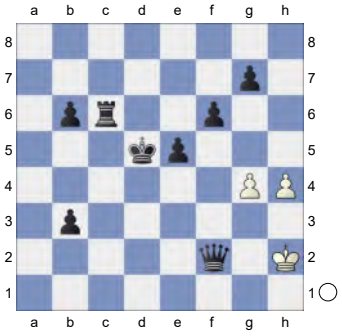
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46.Qg8+ Kd6? 0.01/20
[46...Kf5 -#11/20 mates 47.Qxd5 Qxe1+ 48.Kg2 Qe4+ 49.Qxe4+ Kxe4 50.h5 b2 51.h6 gxh6 52.g4 b1Q 53.g5 hxg5 54.Kh3 Qh1+ 55.Kg3 Rc2 56.Kg4 Qh4#]
47.Kh2? -#7/16

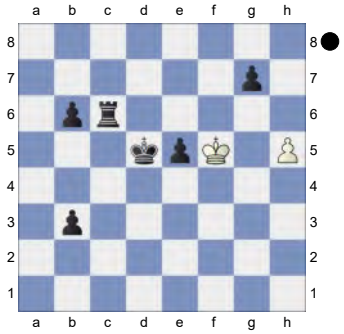


Qxe1 48.Qd8+ Kc5 49.Qxd5+ Kxd5 50.g4 Qxf2+



51.Kh3 Qf4 52.h5 Qxg4+ -20.15/5
53.Kxg4 f5+ 54.Kxf5

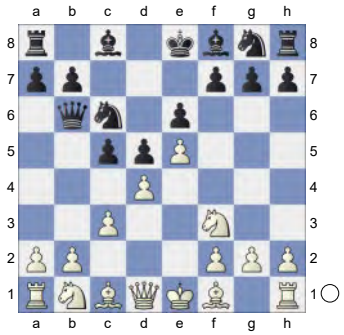
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Weighted Error Value: White=0.64/ Black=0.23 (precise) . Sensor Board Error (Ke4/e5)?
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88 **C02**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2863**
■ **Harikrishna,Pentala** **2732**
Saint Louis Blitz (15) 19.09.2020
[John Watson]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7
[7...dxc3 8.Nxc3 is a standard Milner-Barry in which White doesn't have to waste time defending his e5-pawn. The reader is welcome to analyse this, but it's pretty obvious that White has good compensation for the pawn, with the added benefit that in practice, Black can easily get blown away by an

early attack. Thus masters have overwhelmingly chosen 7...Bd7 here.]

8.Nbd2!? Well and truly bringing the game into uncharted waters. I see only two games with this move in my database, used by a player in the 1900s and another just above 1000. Hector's move

[8.Re1 is seen in other games this month, as well as in earlier games with this variation.]

8...Rc8!? Arguably a little slow.

[8...dxc3 9.bxc3 Qc7 10.Re1 *(or 10.Qe2)* 10...Nge7 11.Nb3 Ng6 12.Qe2 is unclear, and could be compared with the 8 Re1 lines. The engines give this as about equal. A recent example went Be7 Against h2-h4 13.Nbd4

A) 13...0-0 14.h4!? *(14.Rb1!?)* 14...Ncxe5!? 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Qxc3 17.Bxh7+! Kxh7 18.Nxe6! Qxe5 19.Nxf8+ Rxf8 20.Rxe5 Bf6 21.Rh5+ Kg6!? 22.Rxd5 aiming for Bc1-b2. Be6 23.Rg5+! Bxg5 24.Bxg5 b5=;

B) 13...Na5 -0.16/21 is more appropriate.;

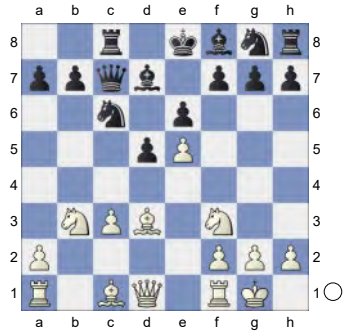
C) 13...a6 0.24/19 14.Rb1!= Rc8?! 0.80/20 *(14...Nxd4; 14...Nxd4= 0.24/23 15.cxd4 h6)* 15.h4!± Bxh4? 1.30/23 *(15...Nf8± 0.45/22)* 16.Nxh4± Nxh4 17.Ba3 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Bc6 2.29/24 *(18...Ba4± 1.32/19)* 19.Qg4 Ng6 Schmakel,S (2435)-Escalante Ramirez,B (2456), chess24. com INT 2020, and here 20.Re3! Qd7 21.Rh3! would have been extremely strong.]

[The other obvious move is 8...Nge7 , which might lead to the same position after 9.Nb3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Ng6 11.Qe2 , with Be7 an attempt to get castled quickly.]

9.Nb3 White has an edge. **9...dxc3**

10.bxc3 Qc7

[10...Na5 0.67/19 10...Ng8-e7 0.12 11.Rb1 Black must now prevent Bc1-e3. Nxb3 12.Rxb3 Qc7 13.Ng5! with nice attacking chances.]



11.Re1 White has compensation.

11...Nge7

[11...Na5 12.Nxa5 Qxa5 13.Rb1 Against Bd7-b5 b6 14.Bd2 stays a pawn up but White maintains his developmental lead. There might follow Qa4 15.Qe2 Bc5 Wards off Nf3-d4 16.Ng5!? Be7!? 17.Qh5 Nh6 18.Nxe6!? Bxe6 19.Bxh6 Kf8! with unclear complications]

12.h4! Discouraging ...Ng6. An option is

[12.Qe2]

12...Ng6!?

[12...Na5 might be better, intending

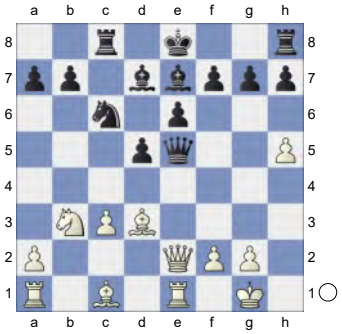
A) 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Bd2 *(14.Rb1 b6)* 14...Qa4!;

B) 13.Qe2 Nc4!? 14.h5 h6∞]

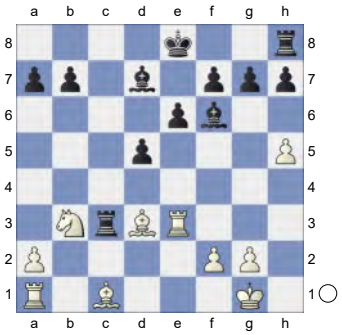
13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5 1.64/20 A mistake that costs the game.

15.Nxe5+- Qxe5

(Diagram)

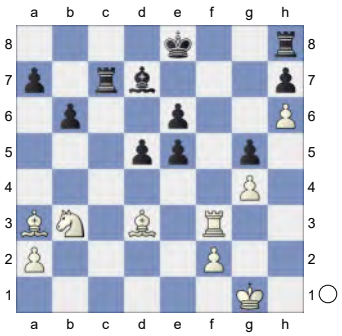


16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bf6 18.Re3 Rxc3



19.Rb1 Black has three pawns for a piece, but White is better developed and can create immediate threats. **19...d4** 2.27/20

[For example, 19...Rc7 20.h6 g6 2.17/19 *(20...b6± 1.57/18 21.Ba3 gxh6)* 21.Rf3+- Be5 22.Ba3 Prevents Be5-d6 b6 23.Re1 f6 24.g4 threatens g5, but g5 25.Rxe5! fxe5



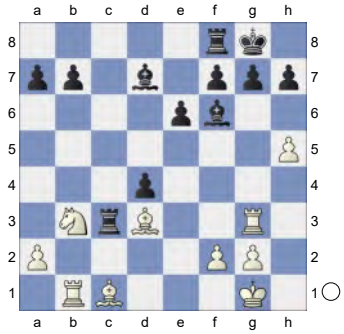
26.Bd6! e4 Hoping for ...Rc7-c8. 27.Be5! exf3 28.Bxh8 followed by Bxh7 soon wins.]

[⌓19...Rc7 1.66/20 20.Ba3 b6]

20.Rg3N

[20.Rf3 Bc6 21.Rg3 e5 22.Bd2 Rxd3 23.Rxd3 Be4 24.Nc5 Bxd3 25.Nxd3 e4 26.Nc5 e3 27.fxe3 b6 28.Ne4 Be5 29.Rb4 dxe3 30.Bxe3 Ke7 31.Ra4 Bb8 32.Bd4 Rg8 33.Kf2 f6 34.g4 Ke6 1-0 (47) Celerier,E (2321)-Gochelashvili,D (1733) (Game 34) Gibraltar 2007 (7)]

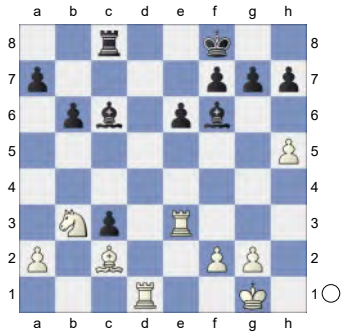
20...0-0



21.Bb2 Rfc8 Conceding material, but

[21...Rc7 22.Nxd4 e5 23.Nf5+- is just as bad.]

22.Bxc3 dxc3 23.Rd1 From here on out it's a matter of technique. **23...Bc6 24.Bc2 Kf8 25.Re3 b6**

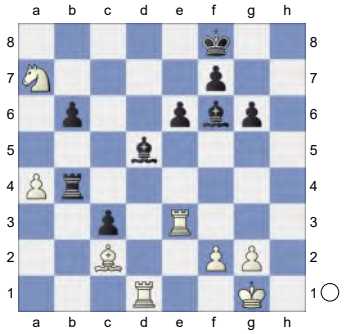


26.Nd4 Bd5 27.a4

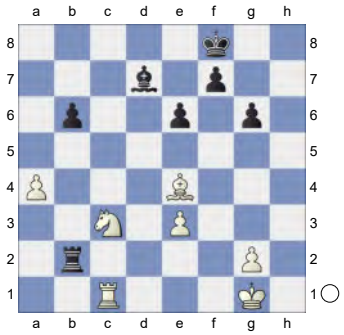
[Weaker is 27.Bxh7 g6 28.hxg6 Bxd4 29.Rxd4 c2 *(29...Bxa2? loses. 30.gxf7 Kxf7 31.Bc2+-)* 30.g7+ Kxg7 31.Bxc2 Rxc2±]

27...g6 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Nb5 Rc4 30.Nxa7 Rb4

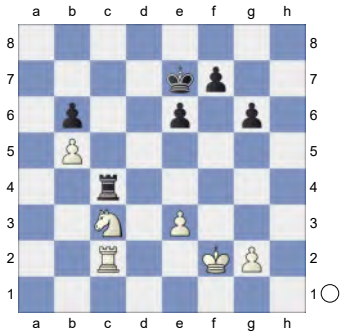
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31.Nb5 Rb2 32.Rc1 Bg5 33.Nxc3 Bxe3 34.fxe3 Bc6 35.Be4 Bd7

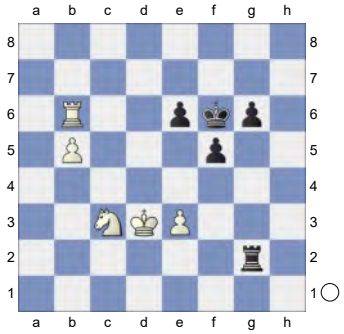


36.Bd3 Bc6 37.Rc2 Rb4 38.Bb5 Bxb5 39.axb5 Endgame. KRN-KR **39...Rc4 40.Kf2** White is clearly winning. **40...Ke7**

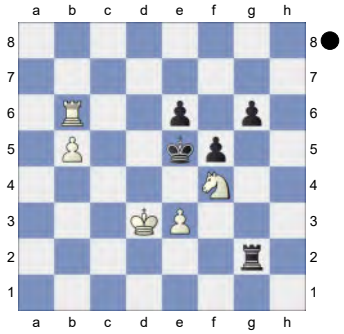


41.Ke2 f5 42.Kd3 Rb4 43.Ra2 Kf6 44.Ra6 Rb2 45.Rxb6 Rxg2

(Diagram)



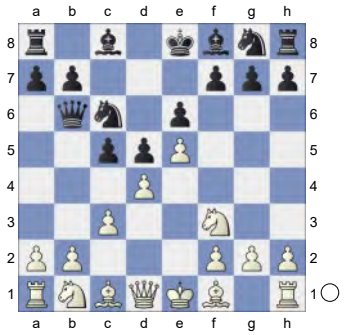
46.Nd5+ Ke5 47.Nf4



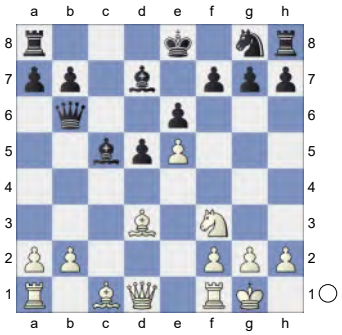
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89 **C02**
□ **Cerdifixer** **2637**
■ **stay_confident** **2596**
Blitz 07.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

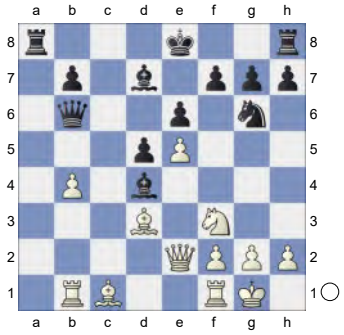
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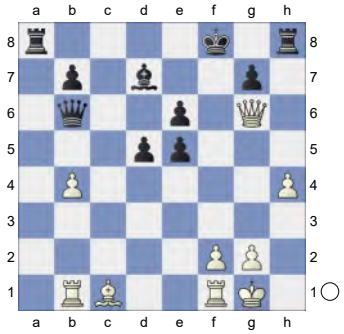
6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Nxf3 Bc5
[10...h6 11.Be3 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.Rc1 Qb6 14.b4 Ne7 15.a3 a6 16.Re1 Nc6 17.Qd2 Nd4 18.Nxd4 Qxd4 19.Rc7 Qb6 20.Rc5 Ke7 21.Qc3 Rhc8 22.Rc1 Rxc5 23.bxc5 Qc7 24.f4 Bb5 25.a4 Chapter B31 (2270)-4.0-0 d6 5.c3 a6 6.Bxc6 (2513) corr ICCF 2017 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 0-1 (45)]



11.a3 a5 Prevents b4. The position is equal. **12.Rb1**
[12.Ng5 looks sharper. Bd4 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qf3]
[12.b3 Bb5 13.Bf4 Ne7 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Bxb5+ Qxb5 17.Qxa1 Bb6 18.Be3 0-0 19.Bxb6 Qxb6 20.Qb2 Nc6 21.Rb1 f6 22.exf6 Rxf6 23.b5 Na5 24.Ra1 Nc4 25.Ra8+ Rf8 26.Qa1 Qxb5 Fabri,H (1936)-Omar Aden,O (1779) Budapest 2024 0-1 (59)]
12...Ne7N
[12...a4 13.b4 axb3 14.Rxb3 Qc7 15.Qc2 b6 16.Rc3 Ba4 17.Qb2 Ne7 18.Be3 0-0 19.Rfc1 d4 20.Bxd4 Bxd4 21.Bxh7+ Kh8 22.Nxd4 Qxe5 23.Re3 Qf6 24.Rf3 Nf5 25.Bxf5 exf5 26.Nxf5 Rfc8 27.Re1 Wieczorek,O (2504)-Luberanski,J (2255) Trzcianka 2022 0-1 (33)]
13.b4! axb4 14.axb4 Bd4
[14...Bxb4? 15.Bd2+-]
15.Qe2 -0.02/17
[⌓15.Qd2 0.30/18]
15...Ng6 0.57/20
[15...Qa7= -0.02/17]

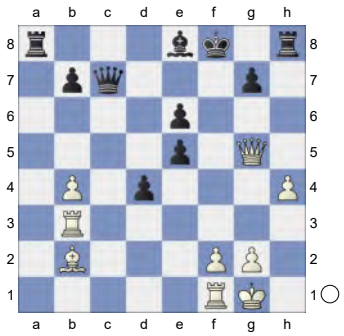


16.h4± f6 1.01/21
[16...Ne7± 0.55/20]
17.Bxg6+± hxg6 18.Qd3 Threatens to win with Be3. **18...Bxe5**
[18...fxe5? 19.Qxg6+ Kd8 20.Nxd4+-]
19.Qxg6+ Kf8 20.Nxe5 fxe5

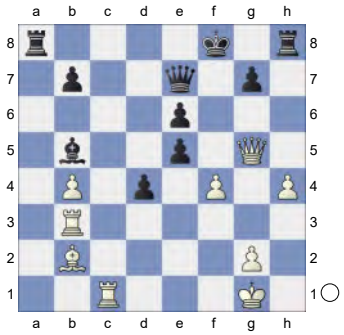


21.Rb3 0.27/21
[21.Qg3!± 0.81/21]
21...Be8 0.59/20
[21...Kg8!= 0.27/21 might be stronger.]
22.Qg5 White has compensation.
[22.Rf3+ Kg8 23.Qg3 e4=]
22...Qc7 0.83/21
[22...Qd6= 0.30/20]
23.Bb2↑ 0.48/20 White fights for an advantage. &Bianco is more active.
[White should play 23.Qg3± 0.83/21]

23...d4 1.03/19
[23...Rh5± 0.48/20 24.Qg3 g6]

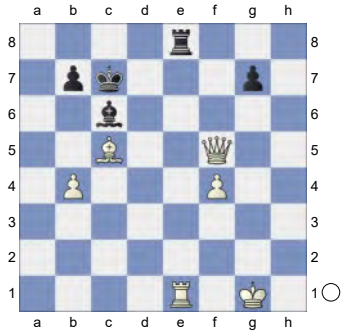


24.f4 -0.20/21
[And not 24.Re1 Rh5 25.Qg3 Qc2∓]
[24.Rc1!± 1.03/19 Qd6 25.Rg3 *(25.Re1 Rh5∓)*]
24...Bb5 0.86/21
[24...Kg8= -0.20/21]
25.Rc1 Deflection **25...Qe7** 4.28/22
[25...Bc4± 0.90/20 is tougher.]

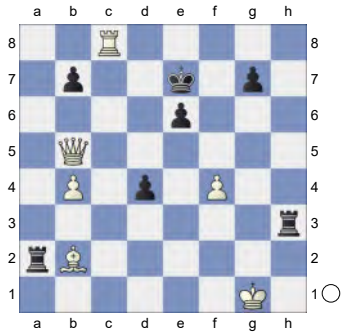


This move loses the game for Black.
26.Qxe5+- Qxh4 11.52/21
[⌓26...Rd8 4.10/20 27.Qxb5 Rxh4]
27.Rh3 Qxh3 28.gxh3 Threatening mate with Rc7. **28...Rxh3 29.Qxb5** 15.19/18
[⌓29.Qd6+ #10/19 Kg8 30.Qxe6+ Kf8 31.Qxh3 Ke7 32.Bxd4 Re8 33.Qf5 Bc6 34.Re1+ Kd6 35.Bc5+ Kc7

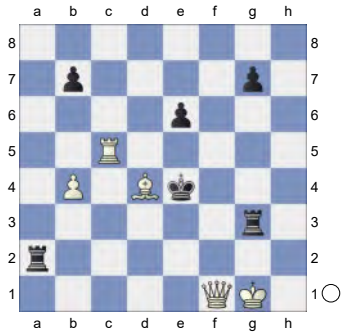
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36.Bb6+! Kd6 37.Qg6+ Kd7 38.Qxe8+ Kd6 39.Qe6#]
29...Ra2 30.Rc8+ Ke7



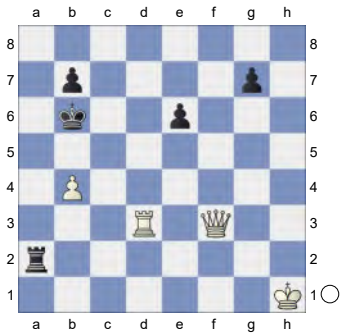
31.Qe8+ 14.48/5
[⌓31.Qg5+ #3/8 Kf7 32.Rc7+ Kg8 33.Qxg7#]
31...Kf6 32.Bxd4+ Kf5 33.Rc5+ Kxf4 34.Qf7+ Ke4 35.Qf1 16.35/18 **Rg3+**



36.Kh1 Kxd4 37.Rc1 9.59/20
[⌓37.Qf4+ #7/16 Kd3 38.Qxg3+ Ke2 39.Re5+ Kd2 40.Qe3+ Kd1 41.Qd3+ Kc1 42.Re1+ Kb2 43.Rb1#]
37...Rd3 38.Rd1 5.05/18
[⌓38.Qf4+ #2/6 Kd5 39.Rc5#]
38...Kd5 #8/18
[38...Rxd1+- 5.05/18 39.Qxd1+ Ke5

40.Qh5+ Kf6 41.Qf3+ Kg6 42.Qxb7 Ra1+ 43.Kg2 Ra2+ 44.Kf3 Kf6]

39.Rxd3+ Kc6 40.Qf3+ Kb6



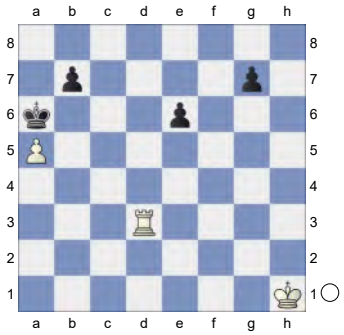
41.Qe4 Ka7 42.Qd4+ 13.59/5

[⌓42.Rd7 #6/14 Ra1+ 43.Kg2 Ra2+ 44.Kg3 Ra3+ 45.Kg4 Rg3+ 46.Kxg3 g5 47.Qxb7#]

42...Ka8 43.Qd8+ 11.28/5

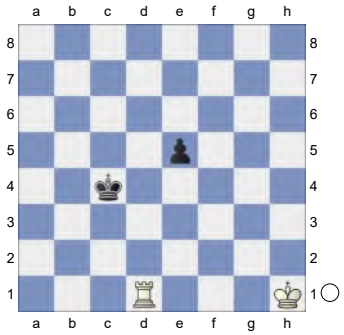
[⌓43.Qb6 #5/12 Ra1+ 44.Kg2 Ra2+ 45.Kf3 Rf2+ 46.Kxf2 g6 47.Rd8#]

43...Ka7 44.Qa5+? 3.59/5 Rxa5 45.bxa5 Endgame KR-K3P **45...Ka6**

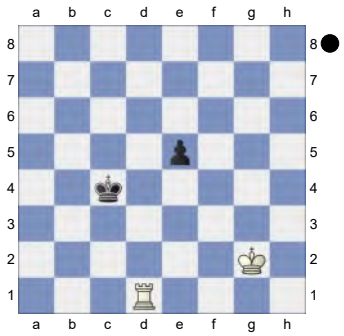


46.Rd7 Intending Re7 and mate. **46...b6 47.axb6 Kxb6 48.Rxg7 Kc5**

White mates. **49.Rd7 Kc4 50.Rd1 e5**



51.Kg2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=1.65

1-0

90 **C02**

☐ **JohnWarosa** **2635**

■ **rustev** **2629**

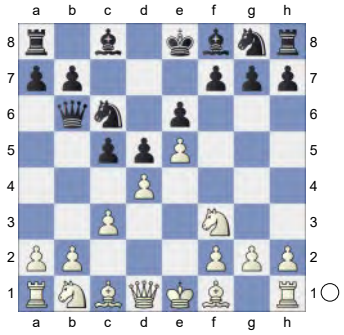
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[Kitty Kat]

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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Nge7 0.49/19

[6...cxd4= -0.01/20 7.cxd4 Bd7]

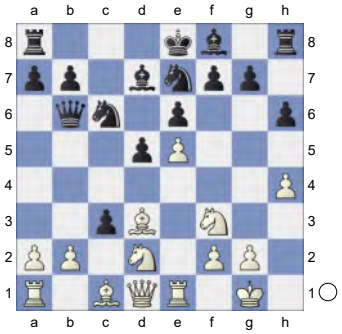
7.h4 cxd4 8.0-0 h6 9.Re1

The position is equal. **9...Bd7 10.Nbd2**

[10.a3 Rc8 11.b4 a6 12.Bb2 g5 13.Nh2 Bg7 14.Ng4 gxh4 15.cxd4 h5 16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.exf6 Ng8 18.Qf3 Rh6 19.Qxd5 Nxf6 20.Qg5 Ng4 21.Nc3 Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Kxd8 23.Ne4 e5 24.f3 Nxd4 4.d4 ♘f6 5.

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10...dxc3



11.bxc3 Na5N

[11...Nc8 12.c4 Nb4 13.Bb1 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qc7 15.Ne3 Nb6 16.a3 N4d5 17.Bb2 Rd8 18.Qe2 Nf4 19.Qf1 Na4 20.g3 Nxb2 21.gxf4 Bc6 22.Qe2 Na4 23.Bc2 Bc5 24.Rec1 Nc3 25.Qc4 Bxf3 26.Qxc3 Reinecke,K (1962)-Ghazarian,K (2480) Escaldes AND 2024 [John Watson] 0-1 (32)]

12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Ba3 Ng6 0.36/21

[Much weaker is 13...Qxc3 14.Nb3 Ba4 15.Qe2 Nxb3 16.axb3∓]

[13...Rc8= 0.00/19]

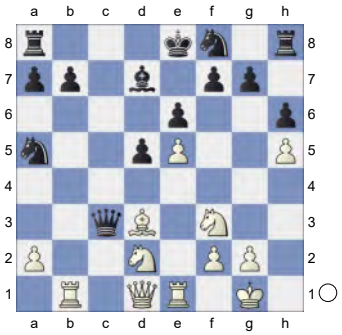
14.Bxf8

[14.Bb4!?]

14...Nxf8 15.h5 -0.13/20

[15.c4!± 0.44/20]

15...Qxc3

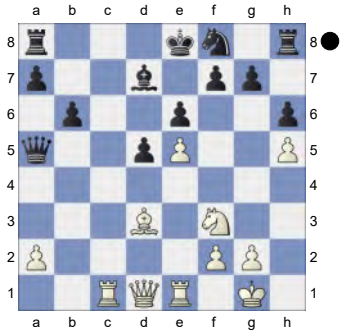


16.Nb3 b6 0.01/21

[16...Ba4∓ -0.35/22 is more appropriate. 17.Nfd4 Nd7]

17.Nxa5 Qxa5 18.Rc1 -0.96/21

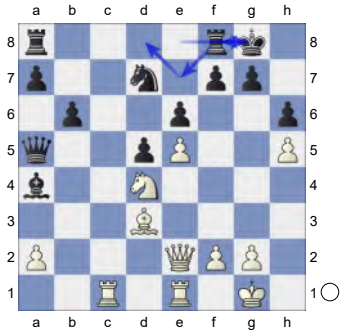
[18.Nd4= -0.01/22 remains equal.]



18...Ba4!∓

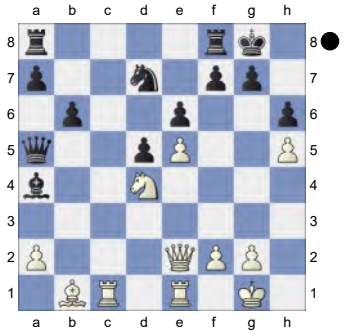
[Reject 18...Qxa2?! 19.Nd4=]

19.Qe2 Nd7 20.Nd4 0-0



21.Bb1 -2.10/21

[21.Qg4∓ -1.44/19]



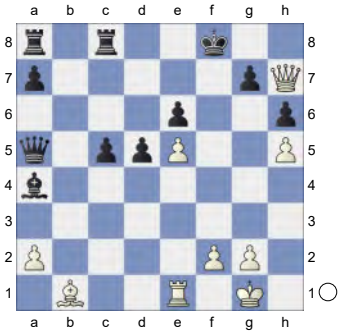
21...Nc5 -1.11/22

[Better is 21...Rfc8!-+ -2.10/21 Hoping for ...Rc3. 22.Qd3 Nf8]

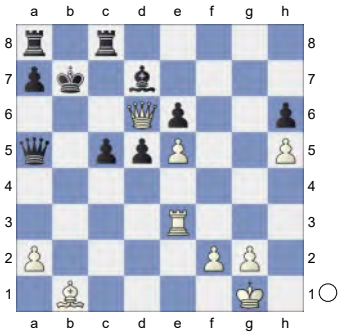
22.Rxc5?? -4.69/23 **bxc5-+ 23.Qd3** -13.58/19

[⌓23.Nb3 -5.02/21 Qb4 24.Rf1]

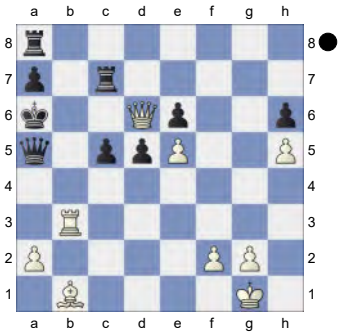
23...Rfc8? -1.70/24
[23...Qxe1+ -13.58/19 24.Kh2 Qxe5+ 25.g3 Rfb8]
24.Qh7+ Kf8 25.Nxe6+ fxe6



26.Qh8+? -2.96/25
[26.Re3∓ -1.23/22 Ke7 27.Qxg7+ Kd8 28.Bg6]
26...Ke7 27.Qxg7+ Kd8 28.Re3 Bd7?? 10.14/19
[28...c4-+ -2.57/18 29.Bg6 Qc5]
29.Qf8++- White is clearly winning.
29...Kc7 30.Qd6+ Deflection **30...Kb7**



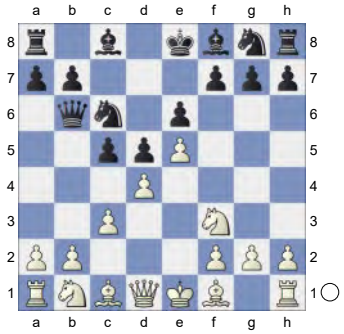
31.Qxd7+ Rc7 32.Rb3+ Ka6 33.Qd6+



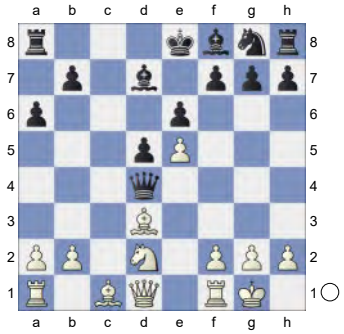
Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.84/Black=0.41
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91 **C02**
□ **dr_xStranger** **2638**
■ **The_Cloth** **2584**
Blitz 14.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 a6 0.18/19
[⌓9...Bc5 -0.16/19]
10.Nxd4= Qxd4



11.Nf3 Qb6 The position is equal.
12.Be3
[12.a3 Rc8 13.b4 Ne7 14.Be3 Qd8 15.Nd4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bd4 Be7 18.f4 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qh5+ Kf8 21.Bc5+ Be7 22.Rae1 Bxc5+ 23.bxc5 Qf6 24.Re5 g6 25.Qe2 Re8

26.g4 Kg7 Kilic,E (2414)-Al Tarbosh, W (2256) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (37)]

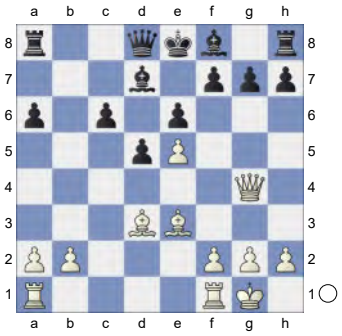
12...Qd8N

[12...Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 11. French Advance 4. c3-(46) Kooijmans vs. Ikonnikov]

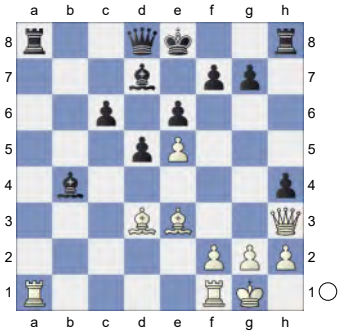
13.Nd4

[13.Ng5 keeps more tension. g6 14.Qg4 Nh6 15.Qf4]

13...Ne7 14.Qg4 Nc6 15.Nxc6 bxc6



16.b4 a5 17.a3 h5 18.Qg3 h4 19.Qh3 axb4 20.axb4 Bxb4



21.Qg4

[21.Bb6 is interesting. Rxa1 22.Bxd8 Rxf1+ 23.Bxf1 Kxd8 24.Qg4]

21...Bf8 22.Rxa8 -0.43/20

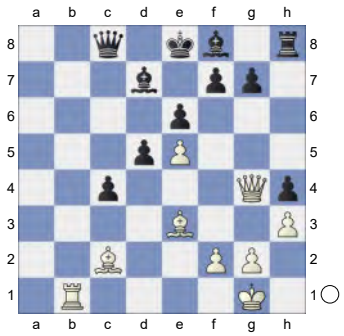
[22.Bb6= -0.01/23 Qc8 23.Rxa8 Qxa8 24.Rb1]

22...Qxa8∓ 23.h3 -0.34/22

[23.Qd4= -0.01/22]

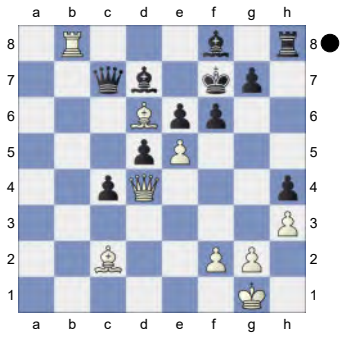
23...c5 24.Rb1 c4 25.Bc2 Qc8? 1.32/23

[25...g6= -0.24/24]



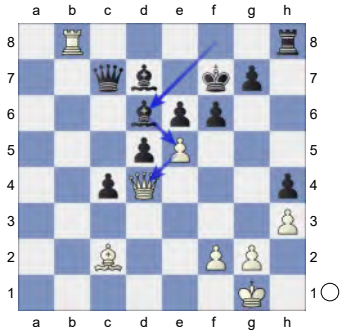
26.Ba7± White has strong compensation. **26...Qc7 27.Rb8+ Ke7 28.Qd4** Intending Qc5+ and mate. **28...f6** Threatens to win with ...Kf7. **29.Bc5+ Kf7 30.Bd6** -2.23/24

[30.Rxf8+± 0.96/23 stays on course. Rxf8 31.Bxf8 Kxf8 32.exf6]



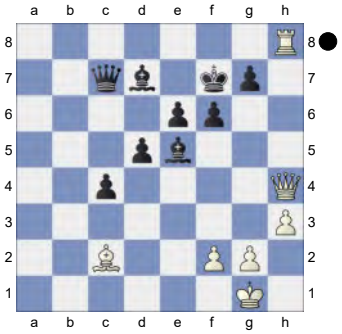
This move loses the game for White.

30...Bxd6!-+

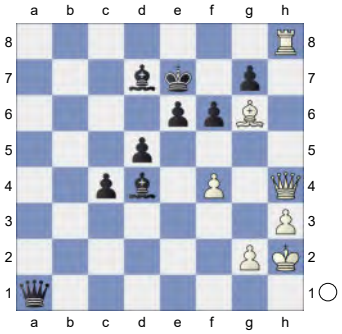


31.Rxh8 Bxe5 32.Qxh4

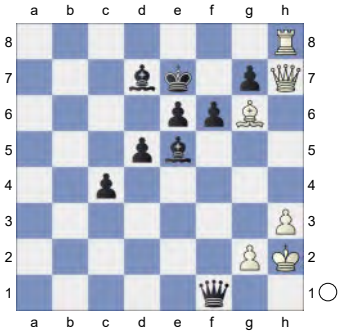
(Diagram)



Qa5!→ Black attacks with force.
33.Bg6+? -3.61/5
[33.g3 -1.92/19 f5 34.Qd8 Qxd8 35.Rxd8]
33...Ke7 Chess con chili. **34.f4 Bd4+ 35.Kh2 Qa1**

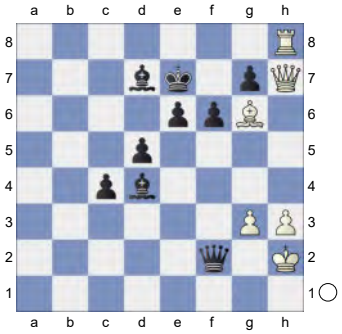


aiming for ...Qf1. Active counter play!
36.Qh7 Qg1+ 37.Kg3 Qf2+ 38.Kh2 Qxf4+ Black mates. **39.Kh1 Qf1+ 40.Kh2 Be5+**



41.g3 Qf2+ 42.Kh1 Qf3+ 43.Kg1 Bd4+ 44.Kh2 Qf2+

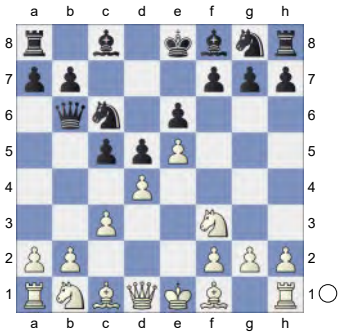
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0-1

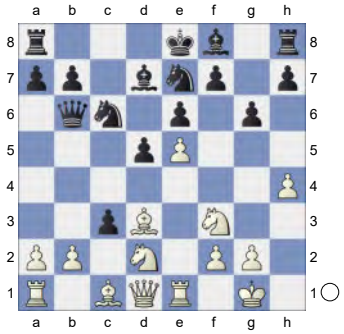
92 **C02**
□ **LarsenMagnus** **2599**
■ **Terminator_10000** **2590**
Blitz 19.05.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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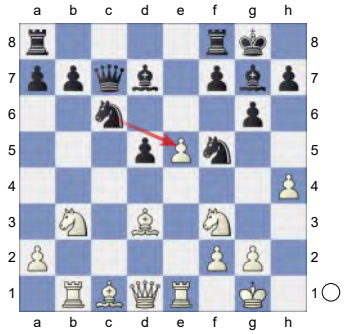
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Nge7
[7...Bd7 8.Nbd2 Rc8 9.Nb3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Re1 Nge7 12.h4 Ng6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bf6 18.Re3 Rxc3 19.Rb1 d4 20.Rg3 0-0 21.Bb2 Rfc8 22.Bxc3 Carlsen,M (2813)-Dominguez Perez,L (2713) Nice 2010 CBM 138 [Karolyi,Tibor] 1-0 (47)]

8.h4 g6 9.Re1 The position is equal.
9...Bd7 10.Nbd2N
[10.h5 a6 11.a3 Rc8 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nd4 14.Be3 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Qd8 16.Rac1 Nc6 17.Qg3 Bg7 18.Bg5 Qb6 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Nxd5 Qa7 21.Nf6+ Bxf6 22.Bxf6 Rg8 23.Qh4 Qd4 24.Rxc6 Qxd3 Fernandez Muixi,F (1920)-Bilych,O (2433) El Vendrell 2023 0-1 25.Rd6 Qf5 26.Red1 Rc7 27.Qd4 Rc8 28.Qh4 Rc7 29.Qd4 1-0 (29) Fernandez Lopez,R (2295)-Sevcikova, L (2051) Maia 2023]
10...dxc3

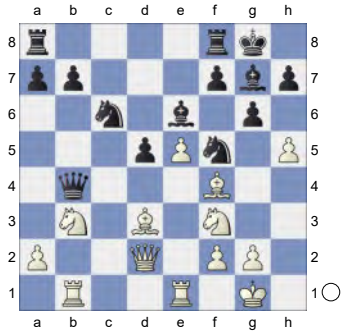


11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.c4 Bg7 1.29/19
[13...Nb4± 0.43/17 14.Bxf5 gxf5]
14.cxd5 0.91/20
[⌓14.Bxf5 1.29/19 Threatens to win with cxd5! gxf5 15.cxd5 exd5 16.Ba3]
14...exd5± 15.Nb3 0.14/19
[15.Ba3± 0.91/19]
15...0-0=
[15...Nxe5? 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bb2+-]
[15...Bxe5? 16.Nc5 Bc8 17.Bxf5+-]

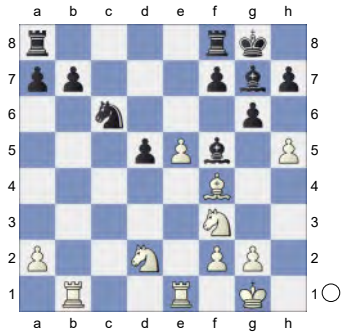
(Diagram)



16.Bf4 Be6 0.52/18
[16...Nb4= 0.14/18]
17.Qd2 Qe7 18.h5 Qb4 1.20/19
[Reject 18...gxh5 19.Rec1=]
[18...h6= 0.25/18]

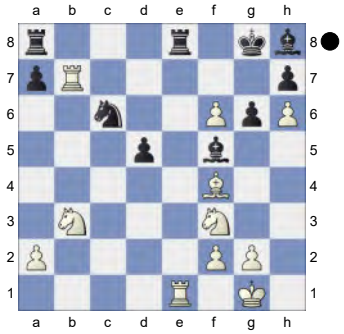


19.Bxf5 0.01/23
[19.Qc1!± 1.20/19]
19...Qxd2 0.54/23
[Don't take 19...gxf5 20.Qe3 Rfc8 21.Nbd4±]
[19...Bxf5= 0.01/23 20.h6 Bh8]
20.Nbxd2± And now Bxe6 would win.
20...Bxf5

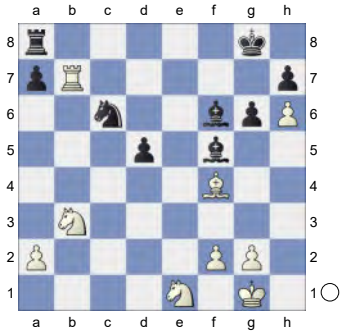


21.h6 Bh8 22.Rxb7 Rfe8 23.Nb3 0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active

pieces. **23...f6 24.exf6**



White wants to mate with f7+. **24...Rxe1+ 25.Nxe1** Intending f7+ and mate. **25...Bxf6**



26.Nf3 d4 27.Bg5

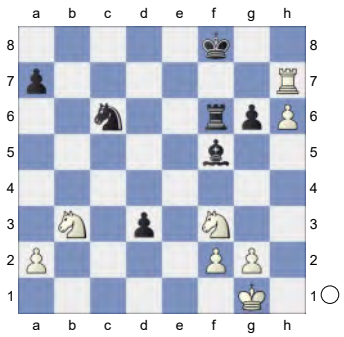
[27.Ng5 with more complications. Nd8 28.Rc7 Ne6 29.Nxe6 Bxe6 30.Nd2]

27...Rf8 6.28/22 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[27...Bh8± 0.68/21]

28.Bxf6+- Rxf6 29.Rg7+ Kf8 30.Rxh7 d3 8.97/21

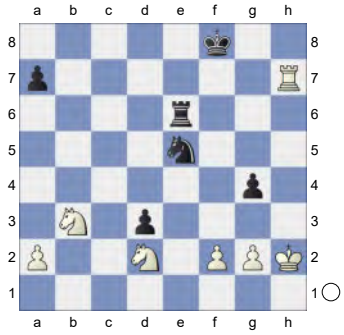
[⌓30...g5 4.38/22]



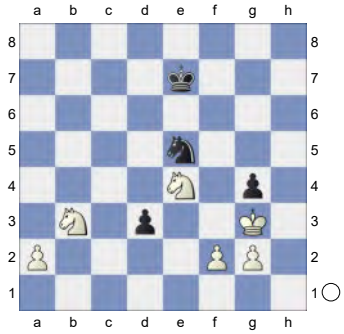
31.Rc7 4.12/23

[⌓31.Rh8+ 8.97/21 Ke7 32.h7]

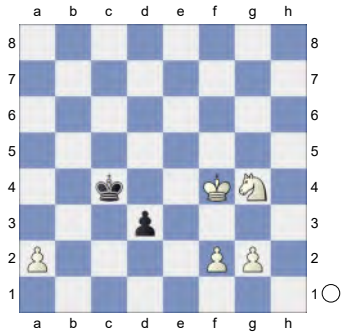
31...g5 32.h7 Bxh7 33.Rxh7 g4 34.Nfd2 Re6 35.Kh2 Ne5



36.Rxa7 Ng6 37.Kg3 Re2 38.Ra4 Ne5 39.Re4 Rxe4 40.Nxe4 Ke7

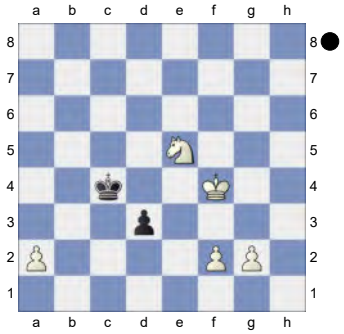


41.Nbd2 Ke6 42.Kf4 Kd5 43.Nf6+ Kd4 44.Nxg4 Nc4 45.Nxc4 Kxc4



46.Ne5+

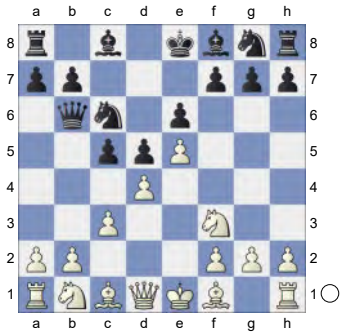
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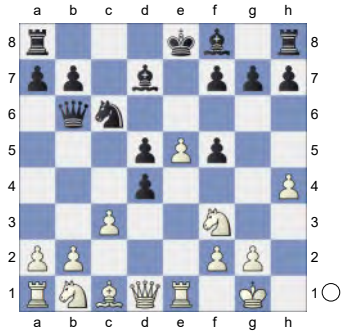
93 **C02**
□ **Azarov,Sergei** **2582**
■ **Mendonca,Leon Luke** **2603**
6. Sharjah Masters 2023 (8.23) 24.05.23
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



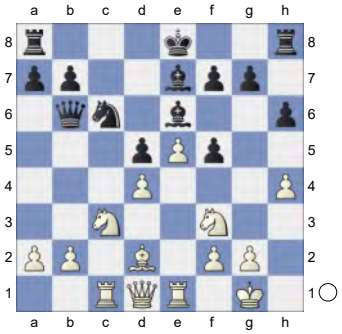
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is currently scoring better than 7.cxd4.wohl besser als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 Nf5** 0.31/17
[9...a6= -0.13/16]
10.Bxf5± exf5

(Diagram)

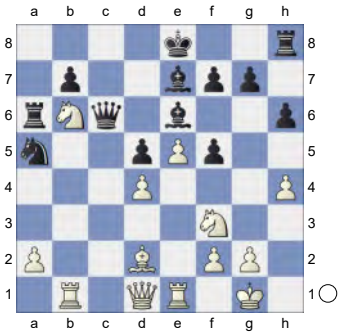


11.cxd4 Be7
[11...Be6 12.Nc3 h6 13.a3 Be7 *(13...Rc8 14.h5 Be7 15.Ne2 Na5 16.b4 Nc4 17.Qd3 a5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.Ng3 g6 20.Rb1 b6 21.Re2 Qa4 22.Rc2 Qd7 23.Qe2 g5 24.Rc3 f4 25.Nf1 Bf5 26.Ra1 0-0 27.N1d2 b5 28.Nb3* Escalona Landi,S (2286)-Christie,J (2201) San Salvador 2023 [John Watson] 0-1*)* 14.b4 Rc8 15.Na4 Qb5 16.Bd2 b6 17.Rc1 0-0 18.Nc3 Qd3 19.Re3 Qc4 20.Be1 Nb8 21.h5 f4 22.Ne2 fxe3 23.Rxc4 exf2+ 24.Bxf2 Rxc4 25.Nf4 Rfc8 26.Kh2 Luehrig,W (2670)-Curr,P (2473) Wijk aan Zee 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (39)]
12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bg5N
[Vorgänger: 13.Na4 Qb5 14.Bg5 Bb4 15.Nc3 Qa5 16.Bd2 0-0 17.a3 Be7 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 ½-½ Perez Ponsa,F (2554)-Abdusattorov,N (2646) Speed Chess GP3 KO blitz 2021 (1.2)]
13...Bb4N 14.Rc1 h6 15.Bd2 Be7

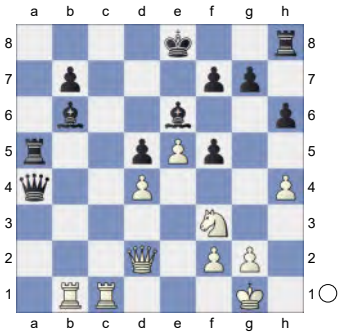
(Diagram)



16.Na4 Qb5 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Nxa5 19.Rb1 Qc6 20.Nb6 Ra6

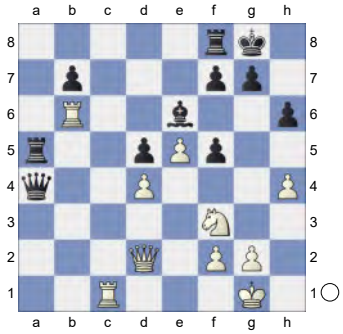


21.Bxa5 Rxa5 22.a4 -0.34/23
[22.Re2± 0.59/20 Rb5 23.Na8]
22...Bd8 -0.01/19
[22...Ra6∓ -0.34/23 23.Qb3 Bd8]
23.Qd2= Bxb6 24.Rec1 Qxa4

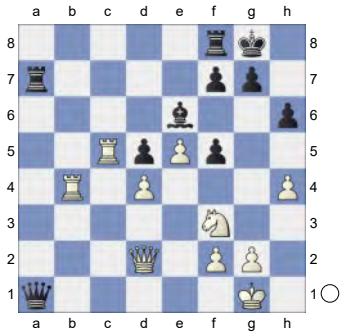


Strongly threatening ...Bd8. **25.Rxb6 0-0**

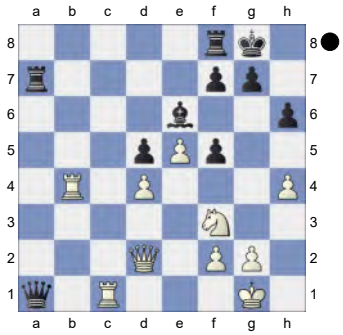
(Diagram)



26.Rxb7 Ra7 27.Rb4 Qa5 28.Rc5 Qa1+ 29.Rc1 Qa5 30.Rc5 Qa1+



31.Rc1

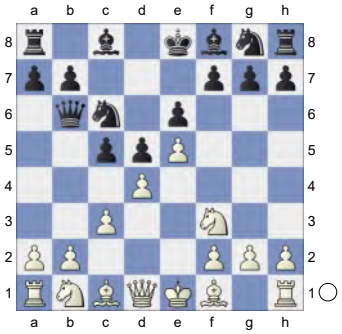


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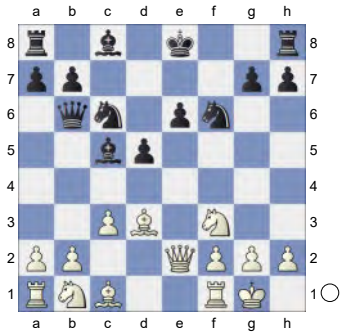
94 **C02**
□ **MrAble** **2599**
■ **juancruzariasTDF** **2670**
Rapid 06.02.2022
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Blitz 10min
C02: French: Advance Variation

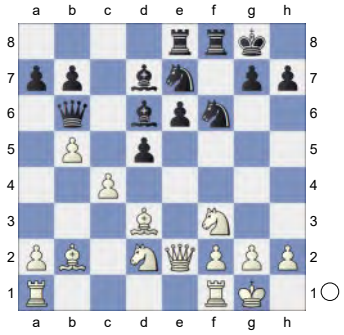
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 Nh6 0.32/19
[6...cxd4= 0.01/19 7.cxd4 Bd7]
[6...Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Nb3 Nc6 12.Qg3 g6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 b6 15.Rac1 Qb7 16.Qf2 h5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nxa5 bxa5 19.Qd2 Be7 20.Qxa5 Bd8 21.Qd2 Kulich,F (2028)-Kedrzynski,A (1462) Jaen Liptovsky 2023 1-0 (59)]
7.dxc5N
[7.0-0 cxd4 *(7...f6 8.exf6 gxf6 9.dxc5 Qxc5 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Na3 Nf7 12.b4 e5 13.Bc5 Qd8 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.b5 Ne7 16.Be2 b6 17.Qa4 Be6 18.Rfd1 Rg8 19.Bf1 Rg4 20.Qc2 Bf5 21.Qd2 Qd6 22.Nc4* Woelfert,J (1571)-Oppermann,P (1789) Berlin 2014 EXT 2018 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (37)*)* 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Ne2 h6 12.Qa4 Be7 13.a3 0-0 14.b4 Rfc8 15.Bd2 a6 16.Rfc1 g5 17.Qb3 Na5 18.Qd3 Nc4 19.Ne1 f4 20.g3 fxg3 21.hxg3 Bg4 Sojka (2325)-Norrelykke, S (2508) Luzern 2000 MBM Tarrasch [Machulsky,A] 0-1 (35) 22.Nc3 Qe6 23.Be3 b5 24.Qf1 Ra7 25.Qg2 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Rac7 27.Na2 Bf5 28.Rxc7 Rxc7 29.Rc1 Rxc1 30.Nxc1 Be4 31.Qd2 Qh3 32.Qh2 Qc8 33.Qd2 h5 34.Ncd3 Qg4 35.Qf2 h4 0-1 (35) Schenk,A (2325)-Moskalenko, V (2508) Mallorca 2000 CBM 140 [Moskalenko,Viktor]]
7...Bxc5 8.0-0 Ng4 The position is equal. **9.Qe2 f6** 0.47/18
[9...Qc7!= 0.11/18]
10.exf6 Nxf6

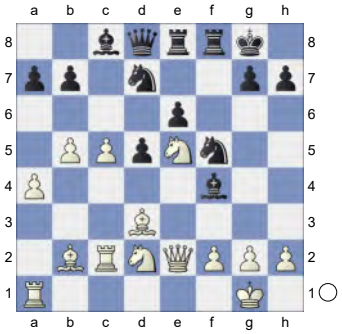


11.b4 Bd6 12.b5 Ne7 13.Nbd2 0-0 14.c4 Bd7 15.Bb2 Rae8 1.28/17
[⌓15...Ng6 0.94/15 16.Bxg6 hxg6]

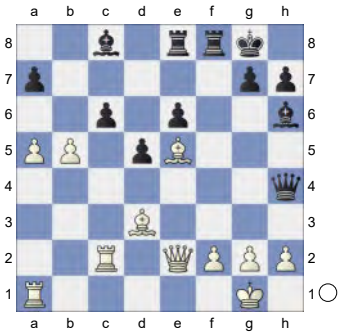


16.a4± Bf4 1.59/15
[⌓16...Qd8 1.27/15 17.Ne5 b6]
17.Rfc1 1.00/19
[⌓17.Ne5 1.59/15]
17...Qd8 1.71/17
[17...e5± 1.00/19]
18.c5 0.80/19
[18.Ne5+- 1.71/17 and White stays clearly on top.]
18...Bc8 1.81/18
[18...e5± 0.80/19]
19.Ne5 Nf5 20.Rc2 Nd7

(Diagram)

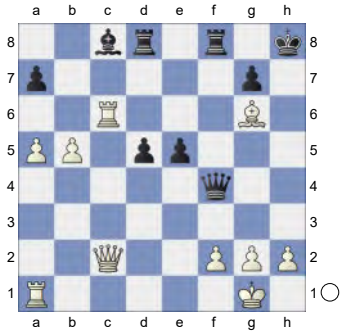


21.Ndf3 1.22/19
[21.c6+- 1.98/20 Nxe5 22.Bxe5 Bxe5 23.Qxe5]
21...Nxe5 2.29/17
[21...Nh4± 1.22/19 might work better.]
22.Bxe5 Bh6 2.78/19
[⌓22...Nh4 1.72/19]
23.a5 Nh4 24.Nxh4 Qxh4 25.c6 bxc6 3.91/20
[⌓25...Rf7 2.68/17 26.g3 Qb4]

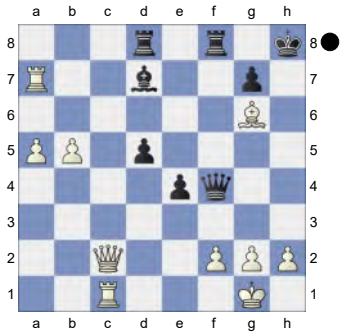


26.Rxc6+- Bf4 5.30/20
[26...g6 3.74/18 keeps fighting. 27.b6 Rf7]
27.Bxf4 2.41/20
[⌓27.g3 5.30/20 Bxe5 28.gxh4 Bxa1 29.Rc7 *(29.Rxc8 Rxc8 30.Qxe6+ Kh8+-)*]
27...Qxf4 28.Qc2
[Not 28.Rxc8 Rxc8 29.Qxe6+ Kh8∓]
28...e5 29.Bxh7+ Kh8 30.Bg6 Rd8

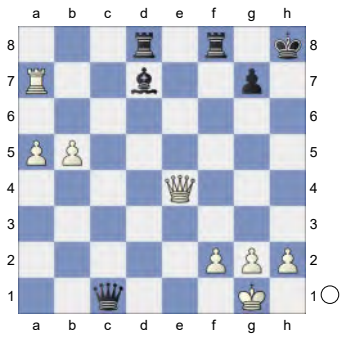
(Diagram)



31.Rc1? 0.76/20
[31.b6+- 2.49/19 is more deadly.]
31...Bd7± 32.Rc7 And now b6 would win. **32...e4 33.Rxa7?** -6.97/18
[But not 33.Qb2?! Qh6 34.Qa3 *(34.Rxa7 Qxg6 35.Rcc7 e3-+; 34.Bh5? Qxh5 35.Rxa7 Qg6-+)* 34...Bxb5=]
[33.Qe2± 0.99/19]



33...Qg5? -0.36/16
[33...Rc8!-+ -6.97/18 34.g3 Qxc1+ 35.Qxc1 Rxc1+ 36.Kg2 Bxb5]
34.Bxe4 -1.27/24 **dxe4∓ 35.Qxe4?** -#2/6 **Qxc1+**

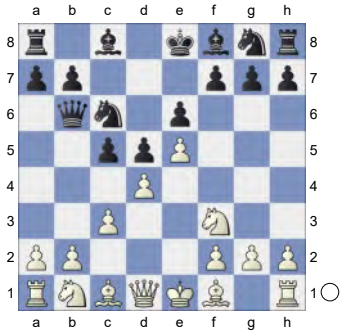


Quite a comeback for Black.

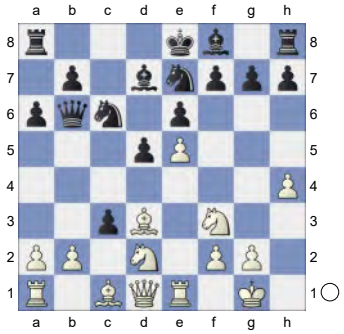
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95 **C02**
□ **Sokolovsky,Yahli** **2516**
■ **Aryan Chopra** **2632**
57. International Chess Festival Biel (ra..
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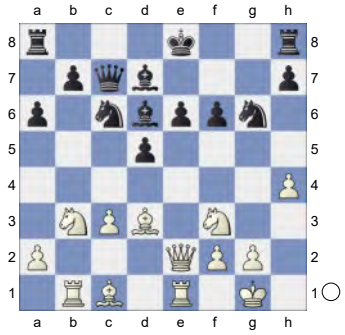
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.Nbd2 dxc3**

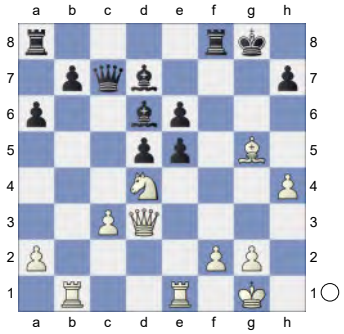


11.bxc3 Ng6 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.Qe2 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Rb1
[15.Qc2 0-0-0 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qxg6 Bd6 18.Qxf6 Rdf8 19.Qg7 e5 20.Bg5 e4 21.Nfd4 Be5 22.Qg6 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Bf5 25.Qxf5+ Rxf5 26.Rac1 Rf7 27.Rxc7+ Rxc7 28.g4 Rf7 29.Kg2 Rg8 Matta,V (2111)-Coles,R (2167) Biel 2023 0-1 (54)]
15...Bd6
[15...0-0-0!?]

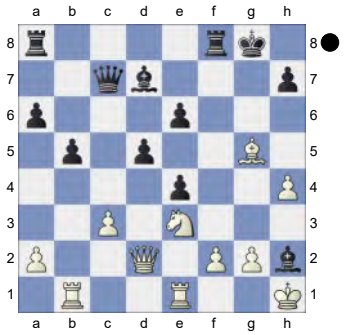


16.Nbd4 Nce5N
[16...e5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Ng7+ Kf7 19.Nh5 8) Advance of the French-4... Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 #23]
17.Bh6 -0.62/20
[17.Nxe5= 0.01/20 fxe5 18.Bxg6+ hxg6 19.Qg4]
17...Nxd3∓
[17...Qxc3 18.Rb3 Qc5 19.Bxg6+ *(19.Rxb7 Rg8±)* 19...hxg6 20.Bg7 Nxf3+ 21.Nxf3+-]
18.Qxd3 Ne5
[18...e5!? 19.Nf5 0-0-0=]
19.Nxe5 -0.89/20
[19.Qe2!= 0.20/20 remains equal.]
19...fxe5∓
[19...Bxe5 20.f4 Bxd4+ 21.cxd4±]
20.Bg5 -1.65/21 **0-0** -1.04/19
[Black should try 20...exd4-+ -1.65/21 21.Qf3 Bc8 22.cxd4 Rf8 23.Qxd5 Kf7]

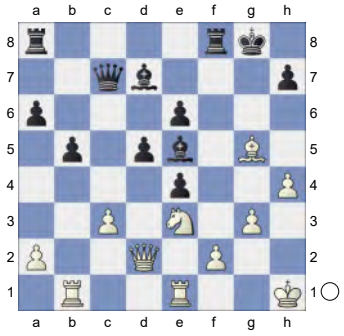
(Diagram)



21.Nc2 e4↑ White is under strong pressure. **22.Qd2 b5 23.Ne3 Bh2+ 24.Kh1**

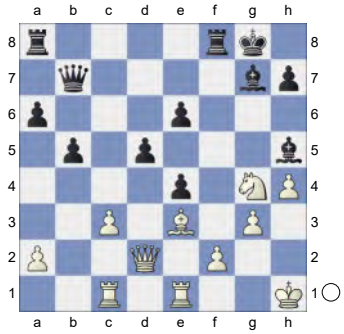


Black must now prevent g3. **24...Bf4** &Nero is more active. **25.g3 Be5**

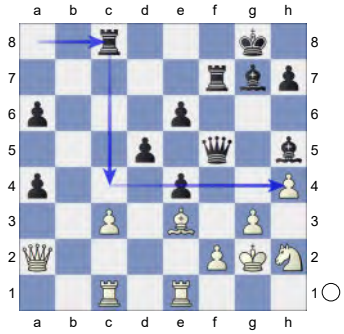


26.Ng4 Bg7
[Weaker is 26...Bxc3 27.Rec1 Rac8 28.Qd1∓]
27.Rbc1 Be8 28.Bf4 Qe7 29.Bg5 Qb7 30.Be3 -2.09/19
[30.Kg1∓ -1.56/16]
30...Bh5

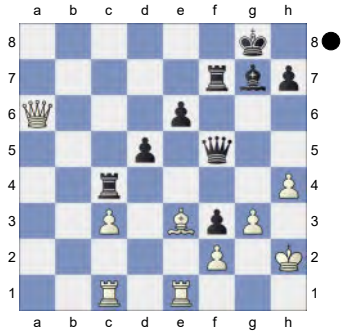
(Diagram)



31.Nh2 Qf7 32.Kg1 Qf5 And now ... Qh3 would win. **33.Kg2** Against Qh3+ **33...Rf7 34.a4** -2.49/20
[⌓34.Rg1 -1.90/18]
34...bxa4-+ 35.Qa2 Rc8

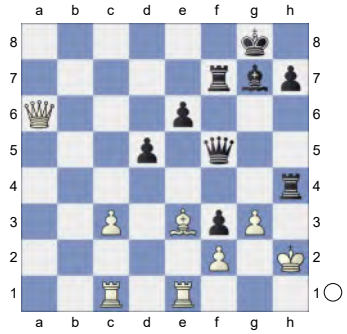


36.Qxa4 Rc4 Chess con chili. **37.Qxa6** -#7/15
[37.Qe8+-+ -2.21/17 Rf8 38.Qe7]
37...Bf3+ Black mates. **38.Nxf3 exf3+**
[Worse is 38...Qxf3+ 39.Kg1∓]
39.Kh2



Rxh4+!!

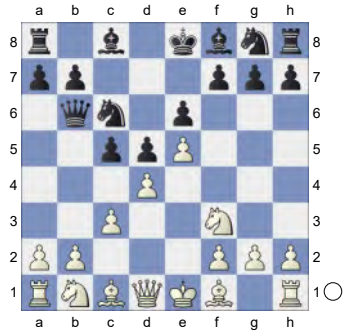
(Diagram)



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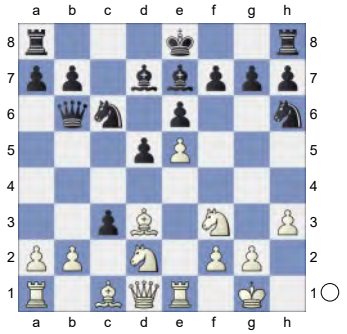
96 **C02**
☐ **Mercado Florez,Diego Armando**
■ **Chaudagne,Christophe** **2672**
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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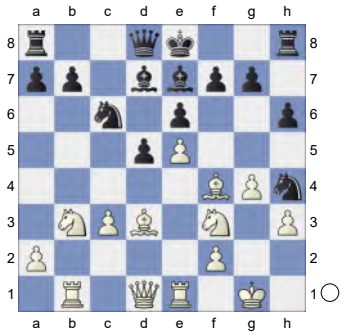


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1! Nh6 9.h3 White is slightly better. **9...Be7 10.Nbd2 dxc3** 0.30/19
[⩲10...Nf5 -0.11/21]

(Diagram)

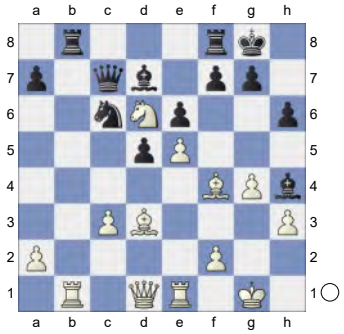


11.bxc3= Nf5 12.Rb1! White has compensation. **12...Qc7 13.Nb3** 0.00/21
[13.c4± 0.42/18 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Nxe5 15.Ndf3 Nxc4 16.Bxc4 dxc4 17.Bb2]
13...h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4N -0.19/20
[15.Bxf5± 0.36/19 exf5 16.Nbd4 *(16.Qxd5 0-0=)* 16...Qc8 17.Nb5 Be6 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.exd6 0-0 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #20]
15...Nh4

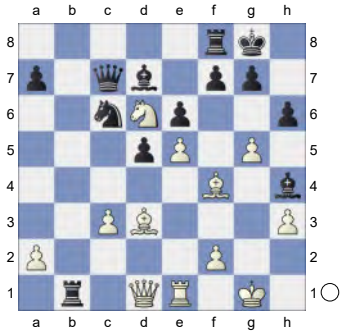


16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5! 0-0 ...f7-f6 would now be deadly. **18.Nxb7**
[Of course not 18.Rxb7 Bc8 19.Rb1 Qe7∓]
18...Qc7 And now ...f7-f6 would win.
19.Nd6 Black must now prevent g4-g5!
19...Rab8 1.14/18
[19...f6!= -0.21/18 keeps the balance. 20.Rb7 Qd8]

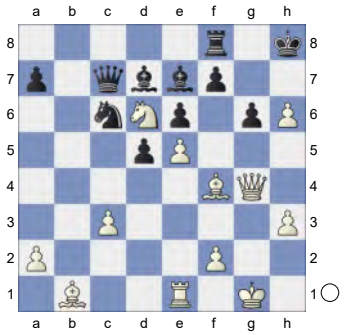
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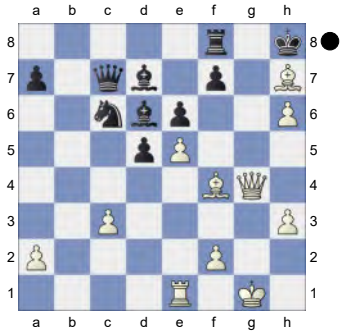
20.g5!↑ White is on the roll. White is much more active. **20...Rxb1**
[20...hxg5 21.Qh5]



21.Bxb1 g6
[21...hxg5? is the wrong capture. 22.Qh5 g6 *(22...Bxf2+? 23.Kxf2 Qb6+ 24.Kg2+-)* 23.Bxg6 fxg6 24.Qxg6+ Kh8 25.Bxg5 Bxf2+ 26.Kg2+-]
22.gxh6 aiming for Qd1-g4. **22...Kh8**
23.Qg4 Be7 7.38/19
[23...Qd8 2.23/18 24.c4 Qe7 25.cxd5 Nd8]



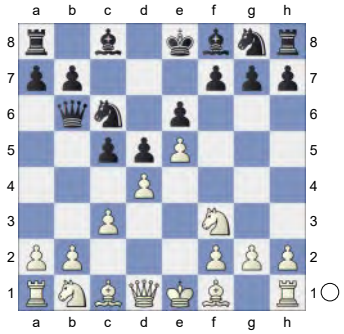
24.Bxg6!+- White wants to mate with Bg6-d3. **24...Bxd6**
[24...Bg5 25.Nxf7+]
25.Bh7



Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.54
1-0

97 **C02**
□ **outoftheblu** **2638**
■ **Mariogavilan** **2573**
Blitz 10.12.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 3min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...h5**
[9...Rc8 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4

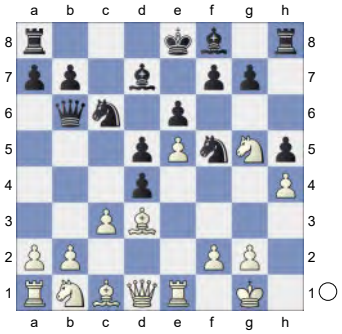
Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Luehrig,W (2670)-5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cd4 (2559) Monte Carlo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (100)]

10.Ng5N

[10.Nbd2 Nf5 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 g6 13.a4 Be7 *(13...Na5 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Bd2 a6 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Nf3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Rxb7 Bc6 21.Rb4 Bxb4 22.cxb4 d4 23.Bg5 d3 24.Bf6 Rg8 25.b5 Bd5 26.Re3 axb5 27.axb5 Qc1 28.Rxd3* IF1 (2373)-miss_hudson vs. komodo54 (202,L (2194) corr 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] 0-1 (57)*)* 14.a5 Qd8 15.Ba3 Bxa3 16.Rxa3 Nxh4 17.Nfd4 Nf5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Nc5 Qe7 20.Nxb7 Qxa3 21.Nd6+ Kf8 22.N4xf5 Qxc3 23.Re3 Qxa5 24.Nc4 Qc5 Strobl,O (2123)-Brookshear,T (2434) Wijk aan Zee 2023 Chess Today CT-735 [John Watson] 0-1 (44)]

[10.a3 a5 11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Nf5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.c4 d4 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.Nb3 Be7 17.Bg5 Rd8 18.Nfxd4 0-0 19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Nd6 Qc7 22.Nd4 Nc8 23.c5 Nxd6 24.cxd6 Qc5 Menichini, M (2185)-Schjelderup Ebbe,D (2103) corr 2023 03 d5 and e6: model game [John Watson] ½-½ (71)]

10...Nf5



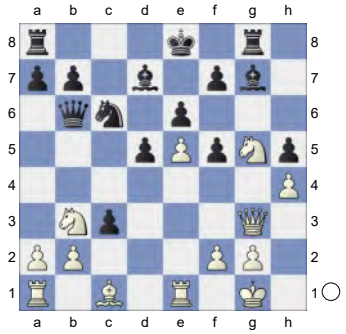
11.Qf3 -0.28/18

[⌓11.Bxf5 0.20/19 exf5 12.cxd4]

11...g6=

[11...dxc3 feels hotter. 12.bxc3 g6 13.Na3 a6]

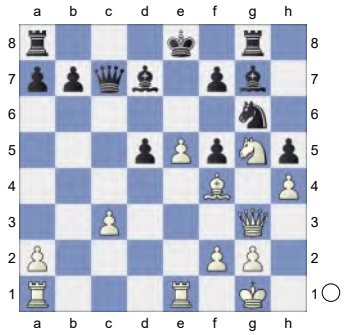
12.Nd2 Bg7 White must now prevent ... dxc3. **13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.Qg3 Rg8 15.Nb3 dxc3**



16.bxc3 Qc7 17.Bf4 Ne7 18.Nd4 Ng6 0.32/20

[18...Rc8= 0.01/18 feels stronger.]

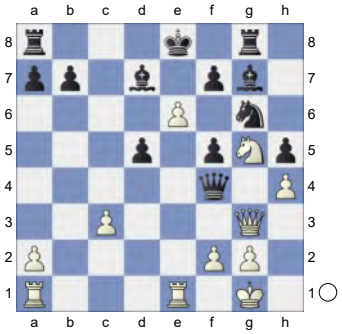
19.Nxf5 -0.01/20 **exf5**



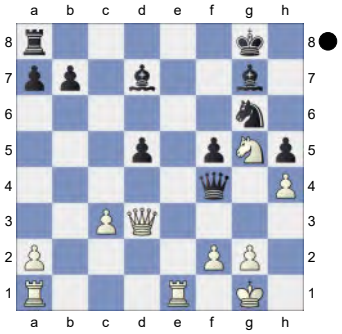
20.e6! Qxf4

[20...Nxf4 21.exf7+ Kf8 22.fxg8N Kxg8 23.Re7 Ne2+ 24.Rxe2 Qxg3 25.fxg3±]

(Diagram)

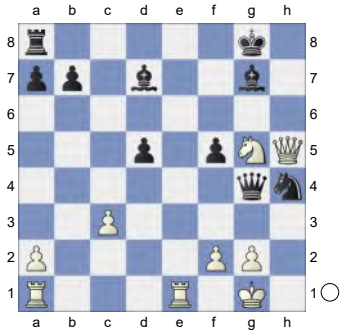


21.exf7+ Kf8 22.fxg8Q+ -1.74/5
[22.Qd3= -0.01/22 Qd6 23.Nh7+ Kxf7 24.Ng5+ Kf8 25.Nh7+ Kf7 26.Ng5+ Kf8 27.Nh7+ Kf7]
22...Kxg8-+ 23.Qd3

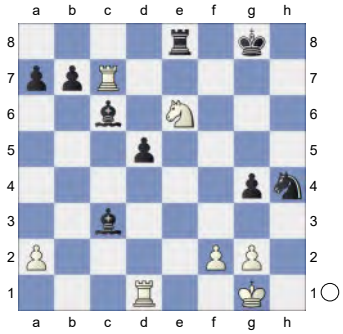


Qc4 -0.36/21
[But not 23...Nxh4 24.Qxd5+ Kh8 25.Nf7+ *(25.Qxd7? Qxg5 26.Qxb7 Rg8∓)* 25...Kh7 26.Qxd7+-]
[23...Bc6!-+ -2.49/20 24.Ne6 *(24.Qe2? Be5-+)* 24...Qg4 25.Nxg7 Kxg7]
24.Qf3? -1.92/20
[24.Qd1!∓ -0.36/21]
24...Nxh4
[Don't take 24...Nf4 25.g3 Ng6 26.Qxh5+-]
25.Qxh5 -3.02/19
[⌓25.Qd1 -2.08/22 Qg4 26.Qxd5+ Kh8 27.Qxb7]
25...Qg4

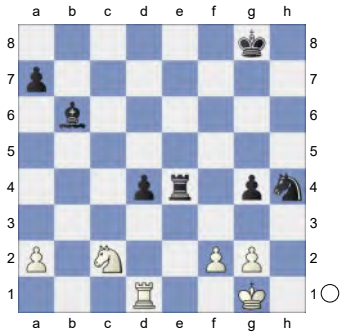
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26.Qxg4 fxg4 27.Re7? -4.30/21
[27.Rab1 -2.53/19]
27...Bc6 28.Ne6 -6.07/24
[⌓28.Re6 -4.03/19]
28...Bf6 29.Rc7 Bxc3 30.Rd1 Re8

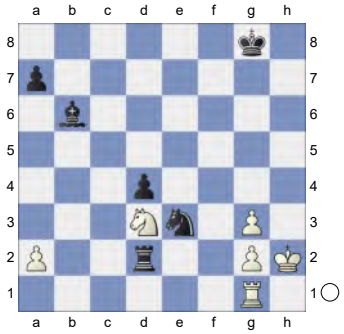


31.Nd4 Ba5 32.Rxc6 bxc6 33.Nxc6 Bb6 34.Nd4 Re4 35.Nc2 d4

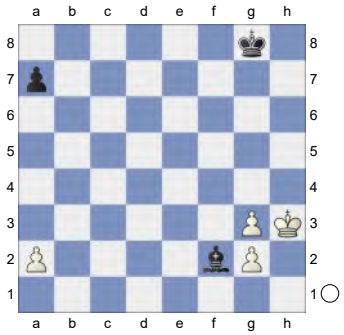


36.Nb4 Re2 37.Nd3 Nf5 38.Kh2 g3+ 39.fxg3 Ne3 40.Rg1 Rd2

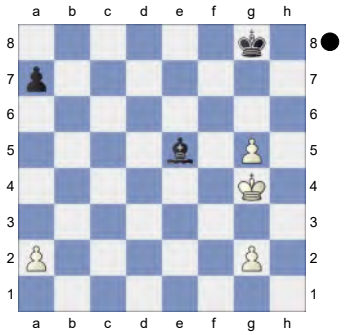
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41.Nf4 d3 42.Kh3 Rd1 43.Rxd1 Nxd1 44.Nxd3 Nf2+ 45.Nxf2 Bxf2



46.g4 Bd4 47.g5 Be5 48.Kg4



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98 **C02**

□ **Adhiban,B.** **2611**

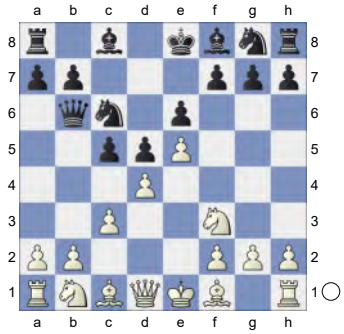
■ **Cheng,Bobby** **2583**

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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

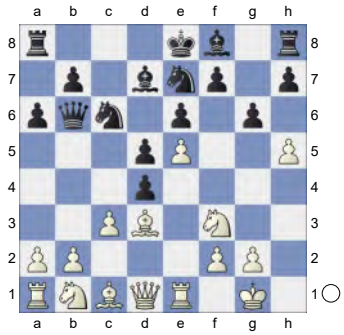
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...a6 10.h5** -0.20/18

[10.Nbd2!± 0.36/18]

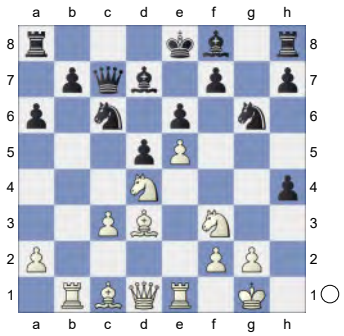
10...g6=



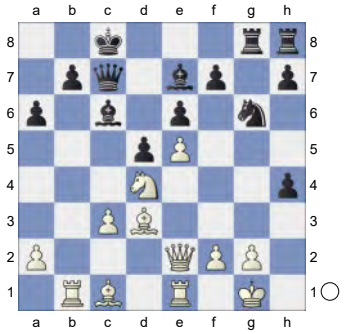
11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Nbd4 Qc7 15.Rb1 h4

[15...Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 Ne7 24.f5 Kc8 25.fxe6 fxe6 26.Nxe6 Qa5 27.Nd4 Qxc3 28.Nxc6 Nxc6 29.Bf5+ Kb8 30.Reb1 1-0 (39) Gonzalez,J (2646)-Large,P

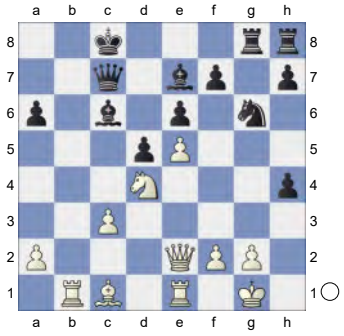
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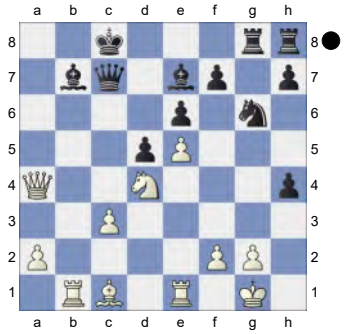
16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Nd4 Be7N 0.28/20
[17...Nxe5? 18.Bf4 *(18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Qh5+ Kd7=)* 18...Bd6 19.Qh5+-]
[17...Bd7∓ -0.34/18]
18.Qh5 0-0-0 0.54/20
[18...Bd7!= 0.08/17 19.Be3 Rg8]
19.Qe2 0.00/19
[19.Be3± 0.54/20]
19...Rdg8 1.32/20
[19...Rhg8= 0.00/19]



20.Bxa6? -1.92/20 White is much more active. **20...bxa6-+**



21.Qxa6+ -3.22/19
[⌓21.Be3 -2.20/17]
21...Bb7 -1.74/19
[⌓21...Kd7 -3.22/19 Threatens to win with ...Rg8-b8. 22.Bh6 *(22.Nxc6? Ra8-+ Skewer)* 22...Ra8 *(22...Nxe5 23.Rxe5 Bd6 24.Rh5±)*]
22.Qa4 -2.22/22
[⌓22.Qa7 -1.74/19]



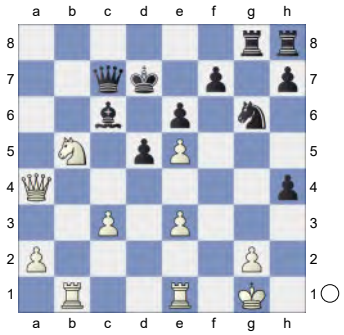
22...Bc5 -1.02/20
[22...Qxc3? 23.Bh6 Nxe5 24.Rec1+- *(24.Rxe5 Qa3+-; 24.Rxe5 Bf6±)*]
[22...Nxe5 23.Bf4 Qc4 24.Qa7±]
[22...Qc4!-+ -2.22/22 has better winning chances. 23.Qd1 *(23.Qa7? Qa6-+)* 23...h3 *(23...Qxa2 24.Rb2∓)*]
23.Nb5∓ Bc6? 1.54/21
[23...Qc6∓ -0.69/20 keeps the upper hand. 24.Ba3 d4]
24.Be3? -0.62/19
[24.Qa6+± 1.54/21 Bb7 25.Nxc7 Bxa6 26.Nxa6]
24...Bxe3? 4.15/19
[24...Qxe5? 25.Bxc5 Bxb5 26.Qxb5+-]
[24...Bxb5? 25.Rxb5 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Nxe5 27.Qa6+ Kd7 28.Rb7+-]
[24...Nxe5!∓ -0.62/19 stays ahead. 25.Qa6+ Bb7 26.Nxc7 Bxa6 27.Nxa6 Bxe3 *(27...Nf3+ 28.Kh1=)* 28.Rxe3 Nc4]
25.fxe3?? -3.99/19

[25.Qa6++- 4.15/19 is the narrow road to win. Kd7 *(25...Bb7? 26.Nd6+ Kd7 27.Rxb7+- Pin)* 26.Nxc7 Kxc7 27.Rxe3]

25...Kd7-+

[25...Nxe5? 26.Qa6+ Kd8 *(26...Bb7? 27.Nd6+ Kd7 28.Rxb7+- Pin)* 27.Nxc7 Kxc7 28.e4+-]

[25...Qxe5? 26.Na7+ Kd7 27.Rb7++-]



26.Rf1 Rg7

[26...Qxe5? 27.Qa7+ Ke8 28.Nd4+-]

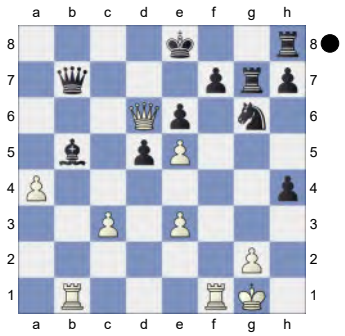
27.Qa6 Qb7

[And not 27...Qxe5 28.Qa7+ Kc8 *(28...Ke8 29.Nc7+ Kd7 30.Nxd5+ Kc8 31.Qa6+ Kd7 32.Nf6+ Kd6 33.Qa3+ Qc5 34.Rfd1+ Ke5 35.Qxc5+)* 29.Qa6+ Kd7 30.Qa7+ Kc8 *(30...Ke8 31.Nc7+ Kd7 32.Nxd5+ Kc8 33.Nb6+ Kd8 34.Rfd1+ Ke8 35.Nd7)* 31.Qa6+ Kd7=]

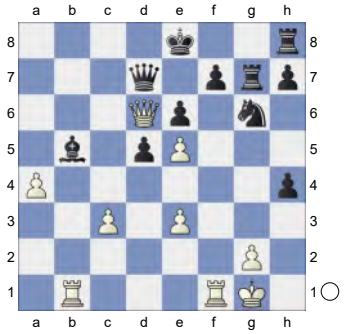
28.Qa3 Hoping for Qa3-d6+. **28...Bxb5**

29.Qd6+ Ke8 30.a4

(Diagram)

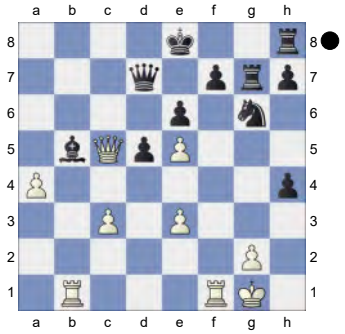


Qd7

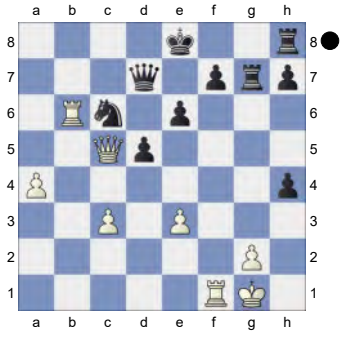


...Qd7xd6 would now be deadly. **31.Qc5**

[31.Rxb5 Qxd6]

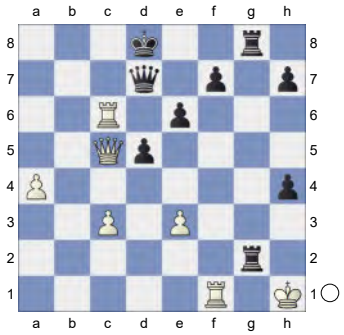


31...Nxe5! And now ...Rh8-g8! would win. **32.Rxb5 Nc6** Dodges Rb5-b8+ **33.Rb6**

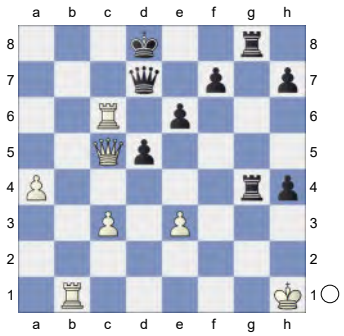


Rhg8?? 4.30/19 **34.Rxc6+-** aiming for Rc6-c8+. **34...Rxg2+ 35.Kh1 Kd8** 8.63/20

[35...f5 3.75/17 36.Rc8+ Kf7]



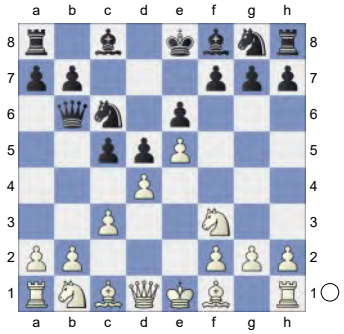
Prevents Rc6-c8+. **36.Rb1**
White threatens Rb1-b8+ and mate.
36...R2g4



Quite a comeback for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.69
1-0

99 **C02**
□ **Sedulaaq** **2637**
■ **xibareh** **2565**
Blitz 03.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6
(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.b4N -0.48/19

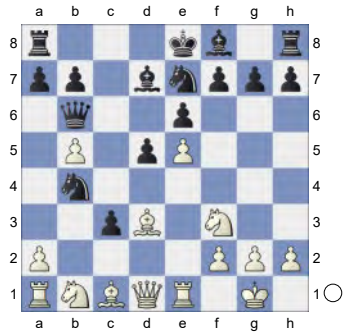
[9.h4= -0.02/16 a6 *(9...Rc8 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3* Luehrig,W (2670)-5.Nf3 Qb6 6. Be2 cd4 (2559) Monte Carlo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (100)*; 9...h6 10.a3 Rc8 11.b4 a6 12.Bb2 g5 13.Nh2 Bg7 14.Ng4 gxh4 15.cxd4 h5 16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.exf6 Ng8 18.Qf3 Rh6 19.Qxd5 Nxf6 20.Qg5 Ng4 21.Nc3 Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Kxd8 23.Ne4 e5 24.f3* Space advantage: pawn on e5- Vachier Lagrave Ponkratov Riga 2021 [Sipke Ernst] 1-0*)* 10.h5 *(10.a3 Rc8 11.Qd2 h6 12.Qf4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Na5 14.Be3 Qd8 15.g4 g6 16.Qf6 Rg8 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.Bc1 Nxa3 19.Nd2 Nb5 20.Bxb5 axb5 21.Nde4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nd5 23.Rxd5 Be7 24.Bxh6 Bxf6* Schippke,M (1963)-Ivekovic,T (2094) Mati Losinj 2023 ½-½ (48) *)* 10...h6 11.Qe2 f5 12.exf6 gxf6 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Be3 Qe5 16.Nd2 Rg8 17.f4 Qd6 18.Qf2 Rc8 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Bh7 Rg7 21.Ne4 Qc7 22.Bb6 dxe4 23.Bxc7 Rxh7 24.Bd6 Frans Millner Barry Improved-N,N _5569 2021

[Robert Ris] (33)]

9...dxc3∓ 10.b5 -0.69/17

[10.Nxc3 -0.31/19 should be considered. Nxb4 11.Rb1]

10...Nb4



White must now prevent ...Rc8. **11.Nxc3 Nxd3 12.Qxd3 Ng6 13.Be3 Qa5 14.a3** -0.81/21

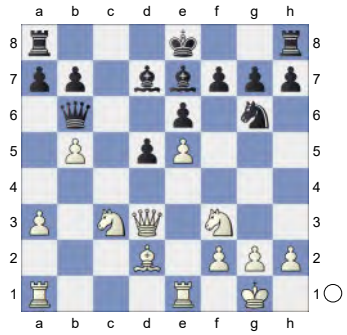
[14.a4∓ -0.42/19]

14...Be7

[14...Bxa3? 15.Bc5!+- *(15.Ne2 Bxb5 16.Qxa3 Qxa3±)*]

15.Bd2 Qb6

[15...Bxa3? 16.Ne2 Bxb5 17.Qe3+- *(17.Bxa5 Bxd3 18.Rxa3 Bxe2±; 17.Qxa3 Qxa3 18.Rxa3 Bxe2±)*]

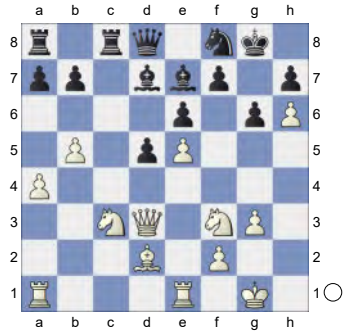


16.g3 0-0 17.h4 Rfc8 18.h5 Nf8 19.h6 g6 -0.16/20

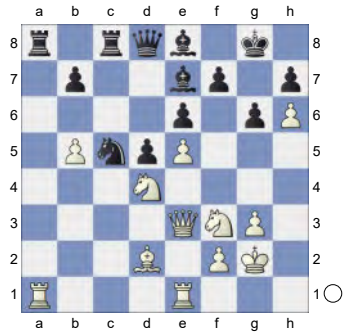
[19...gxh6∓ -0.83/18 20.Bxh6 Rc4 21.Bxf8 Rxf8]

20.a4= Qd8

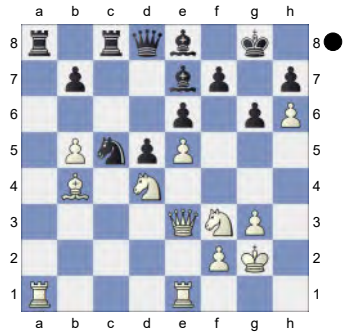
(Diagram)



21.Ne2 a6 22.Ned4 axb5 23.axb5 Be8 24.Kg2 Nd7 25.Qe3 Nc5



26.Bb4



Ne4 0.43/22

[26...Nd3!∓ -0.66/20 27.Qxd3 Bxb4 28.Rxa8 Rxa8]

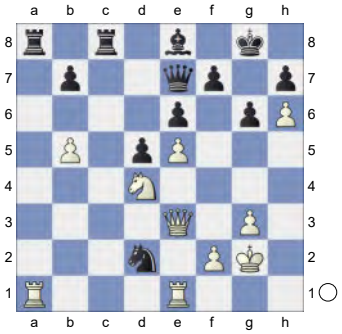
27.Bxe7± Qxe7 28.Nd2 0.01/22

[28.Rec1± 0.56/22]

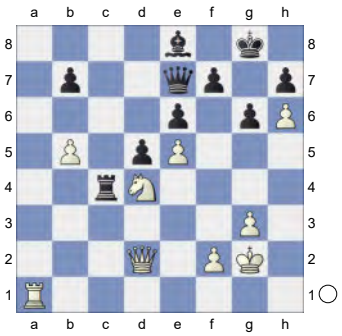
28...Nxd2 0.97/25

[28...Rxa1= 0.01/22 remains equal. 29.Rxa1 Nc5]

(Diagram)

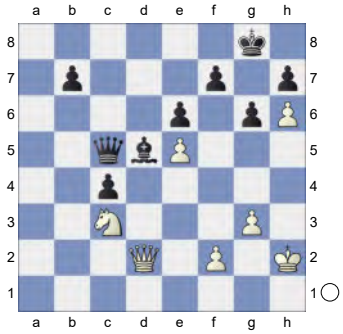


29.Qxd2 0.12/23
[29.Rxa8!± 0.97/25 Rxa8 30.Qxd2]
29...Rxa1 1.35/22
[29...Rab8!= 0.12/23]
30.Rxa1± Rc4? 2.90/24
[30...Qc5± 1.22/21 might work better.]

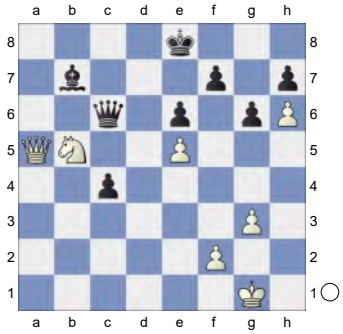


31.Rc1? -0.01/21
[31.Ra8+- 2.90/24]
31...Qc5= 32.Rxc4 dxc4 33.Ne2? -2.22/24
[33.Qf4!= -0.01/22]
33...Bxb5
[Inferior is 33...Qxe5 34.Nc3]
34.Nc3 Bc6+ 35.Kh2 Bd5? -1.13/23
[35...b5-+ -3.87/22 is more deadly. Hoping for ...f6! 36.Qd8+ Qf8 37.Qxf8+ Kxf8]

(Diagram)

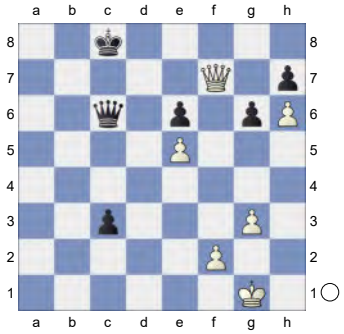


36.Kg1 -2.26/23
[36.Qf4∓ -1.13/23 was the only chance.]
36...b5-+ 37.Na2 Kf8 38.Qa5 Ke8 -1.28/22 Prevents Qd8+.
[Black should try 38...Ke7-+ -2.35/23 Strongly threatening ...Bb7. 39.Nc3 Bf3 40.Qxb5 Qxb5 41.Nxb5 f6]
39.Nc3∓ Bb7 -0.39/23
[39...Bf3∓ -1.09/22 40.Qxb5+ Qxb5 41.Nxb5 Ke7]
40.Nxb5? -2.47/25
[Better is 40.Qxb5+∓ -0.39/23 Qxb5 41.Nxb5]
40...Qc6? -0.01/24
[40...Ke7-+ -2.47/25 41.Qa3 Qxa3 42.Nxa3 c3]

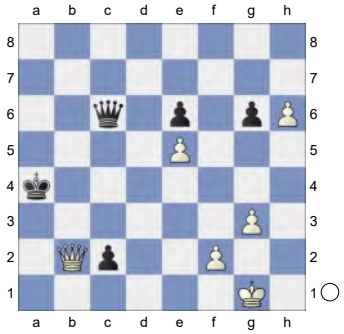


41.Nd6+= Kd7 42.Nxb7
[42.f3 feels hotter. f5 43.Qa7 Qxf3 44.Nxb7 Qxg3+ 45.Kf1]
42...Qxb7 Endgame KQ-KQ **43.Qc5 Qc6** -0.01/24
[43...Qc7∓ -0.62/23 44.Qd4+ Kc8]
44.Qf8 c3 aiming for ...Qc4. **45.Qxf7+**

Kc8

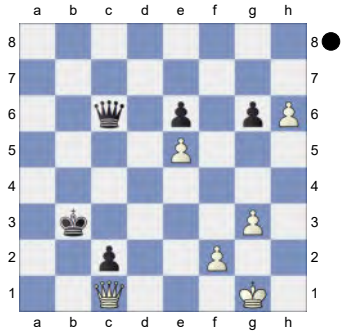


46.Qg8+
[46.Qxh7 c2 47.Qg8+ Kb7 48.Qf7+ Kb6 49.Qf4 c1Q+ 50.Qxc1 Qxc1+ 51.Kh2 Qxh6+ 52.Kg2 Qh5 53.Kf1 Kc5 54.Ke1 Kd4 55.Kf1 Qh2 56.Ke2 Qg2 57.g4 g5 58.Kd1 Qxf2 59.Kc1 Kc3 60.Kd1 Qf1#]
46...Kb7 47.Qxh7+ Ka6
[47...Kb6!? 48.Qe7 *(48.Qxg6? c2-+)* 48...c2 49.Qb4+ Kc7 50.Qe7+ Kc8 51.Qf8+ Kd7 52.Qg7+ Kd8 53.Qf8+ Kd7 54.Qg7+ Kd8 55.Qf8+ Kd7=]
48.Qe7
[Avoid the trap 48.Qxg6? c2 49.Qd3+ Kb7-+]
48...c2 49.Qa3+ Kb5! 50.Qb2+ Ka4!⇄

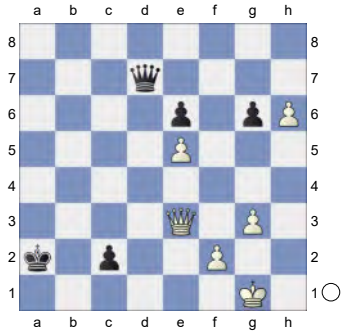


Black is not keeping still **51.Qa2+ Kb4 52.Qb2+ Ka4 53.Qa1+** -8.15/27
[53.Qc1= 0.01/25 Kb3 54.h7]
53...Kb3-+ 54.Qc1

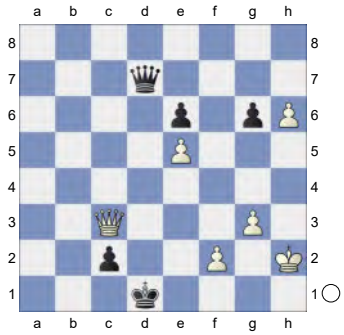
(Diagram)



Qd7 -0.01/23
[54...Qf3!-+ -4.42/23 (-> ...Qd1+) 55.Kh2 Qxf2+ 56.Kh3 g5]
55.Qe3+= The position is equal.
55...Ka2

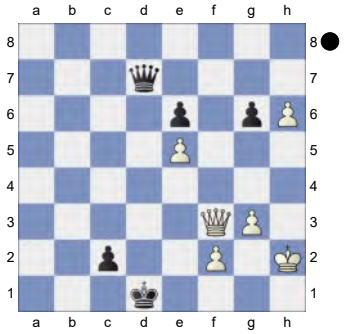


And now ...Qd1+ would win. **56.Kh2 Kb1 57.Qb6+ Kc1 58.Qe3+ Kd1 59.Qf3+ Ke1 60.Qc3+ Kd1**



61.Qf3+ Ke1 62.Qe3+ Kd1 63.Qf3+

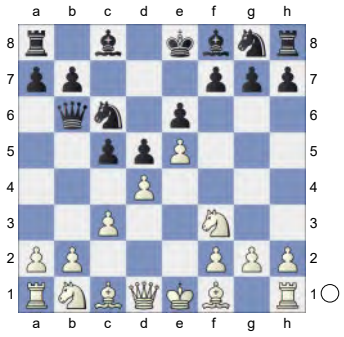
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Quite a comeback for White.
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½-½

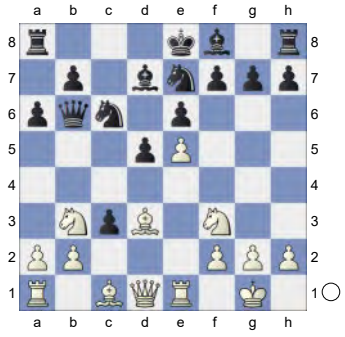
100 **C02**
☐ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**
■ **Schmakel,Sam** **2457**
Titled Tue 5. Mar Early (8) 05.03.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 a6
[8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 10.h5 g6 11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 1-0 (39) Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (9)]

9.Nbd2 White has an edge.
[9.h4 dxc3 10.Nxc3 Bc5 11.Qe2 Nd4 12.Nxd4 Bxd4 13.h5 Ne7 14.Bd2 Nc6 15.Na4 Qa7 16.Bf4 Nb4 17.Nc3 Bxf2+ 18.Kh1 Bxe1 19.Rxe1 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc8 21.Qg3 g6 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bf6 Rg8 0-1 (40) Trifonov,D (2163)-Sydykov,B (2221) Titled Tuesday intern op 07th Jan Early blitz 2025 (8)]
9...Nge7N
[9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5
A) 11.Qe2 Na5 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nxc4 *(13...Ne7 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bd3 Bc6 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4* Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #23*)* 14.Nxc4 Qc7 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Qe3 Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #24;
B) 11.Re2 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nxb3 14.axb3 Bc6 15.Ra2 Rc8 16.Qe2 Nh6 17.h3 Nf5 18.Bf4 0-0 19.Bh2 Qd7 20.Rd2 Qe7 21.Bf4 h6 22.g4 Nh4 23.Nd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 0-1 (34) Worch,S (1870)-Shepard,R (2045) olm ENG-BIH 1994 (4)]
10.Nb3 dxc3

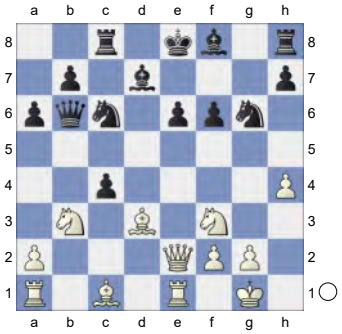


11.bxc3 Ng6 12.Qe2 Rc8 13.h4 f6 1.14/19
[13...Be7± 0.64/20]
14.exf6± gxf6 15.c4 0.60/20

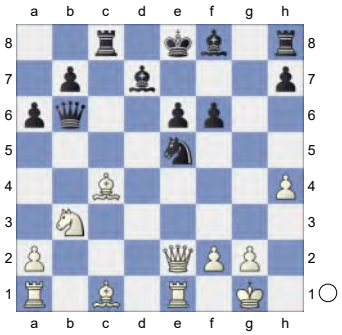
[15.Nbd4± 1.24/21 e5 16.Nxc6 Rxc6 *(16...Qxc6 17.Bxg6+* Remove Defender *hxg6 18.Nxe5±)* 17.c4 dxc4 18.Be4 *(18.Bxc4 Bb4±)*]

15...dxc4 0.96/16

[15...Nb4± 0.60/20 might be stronger. 16.Be3 Qd8 17.cxd5 Nxd5]



16.Bxc4 Nce5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5



18.Bb2? -1.39/19 **Bd6?** 0.83/20

[18...Rxc4? 19.Bxe5 Qb5 20.Bxf6+-]

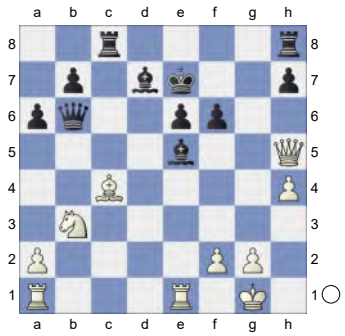
[18...Nxc4∓ -1.39/19 19.Bxf6 Rg8 20.Qh5+ Rg6]

19.Qh5+ Ke7 20.Bxe5 0.15/19

[20.Rxe5!± 1.14/21 fxe5 *(20...Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxc4 22.Rd1±)* 21.Qg5+ Ke8 22.Be2]

20...Bxe5=

(Diagram)



21.Rxe5 Rxc4

[21...fxe5? 22.Qg5+ Kf7 23.Be2+- *(23.Qxe5 Rhf8=)*]

22.Rc5 0.03/25

[22.Rd1± 0.41/21 deserves consideration. Be8 *(22...fxe5?* loses. *23.Qg5+ Ke8 24.Qg7+-)* 23.Qh6]

22...Rxc5

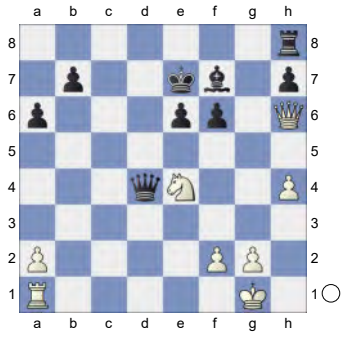
[22...Be8!? 23.Qh6□ Rg4=]

23.Nxc5 Be8! 24.Qh6 White has compensation. **24...Bf7?** 2.27/20

[24...Qxc5? perishes. 25.Qg7+ Bf7 26.Qxh8+-]

[Black should try 24...Rf8!± 0.46/21 25.Qxh7+ Rf7]

25.Ne4!+- Qd4



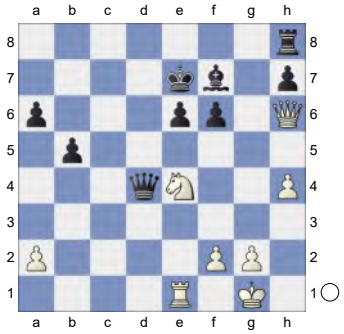
26.Re1 0.00/19

[26.Rc1!+- 2.20/20 Qxe4 27.Rc7+ Skewer, Deflection Kd8 28.Rxf7]

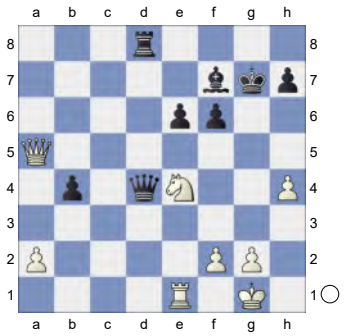
26...b5? 1.94/19

[26...Rg8= 0.00/19]

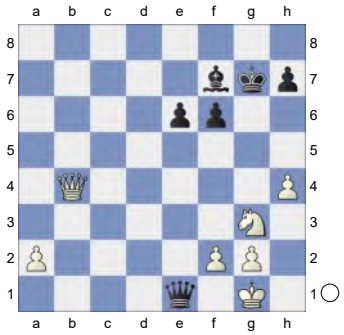
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27.Qc1? 0.03/19
[27.Rc1!+- 1.94/19 Qxe4 28.Rc7+ Kd6 29.Qc1 *(29.Rxf7 Qe1+ 30.Kh2 Qxf2±)*]
27...Rd8= 28.Qa3+ b4⇄ Black puts up resistance **29.Qxa6 Kf8 30.Qa5 Kg7**

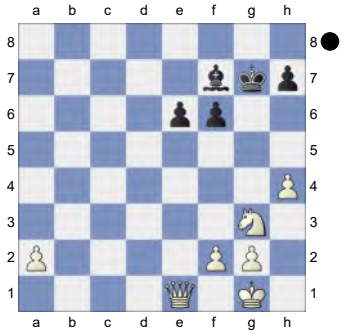


31.Ng3
[31.Qc7 with more complications. Rd5 32.Re3 Qe5 33.Rg3+]
31...Rd5 32.Qc7 Rc5 33.Qe7 Re5 Against Ng3-e4 **34.Rxe5 Qxe5 35.Qxb4** Strongly threatening a2-a4.
35...Qe1+? 10.84/20



36.Qxe1

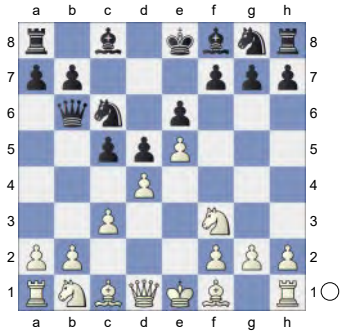
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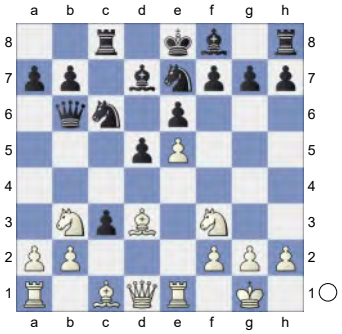
101 **C02**
□ **Kryvoruchko,Yuriy** **2689**
■ **Christiansen,Johan Sebastian**
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

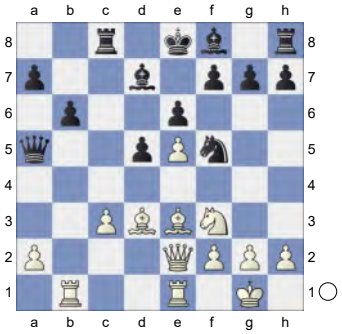


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2! The position is equal. **9...Nge7 10.Nb3**
[10.Rb1 Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Nbd4 a6 14.Qe2 Be7 15.g3 0-0 16.h4 b5 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.h5 Nh8 19.Qc2 g6 Holzmann,M (2465)-Paolozzi,M (2422) (ch) 115/64 Russia 2012]
10...dxc3

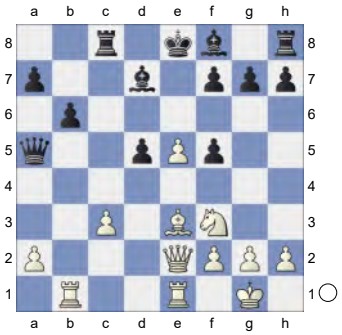
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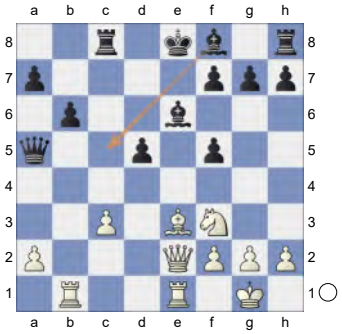
11.bxc3 Na5N
[11...Ng6 12.h4 Be7 13.h5 Nh4 14.Rb1 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Qc7 16.Qg3 g6 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Qc3 19.Bh6 Bc6 20.Qe3 Rg8 21.Rec1 Qa3 22.Qd2 Kd7 23.Rb3 Qa4 24.Qb2 Rc7 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Bd2 1-0 (31) Posizione (2515)-Newton,F (2274) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (7)]
12.Be3 Qc7 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Rb1 b6 15.Qe2 Nf5? 1.89/20
[15...Ng6= -0.24/20]



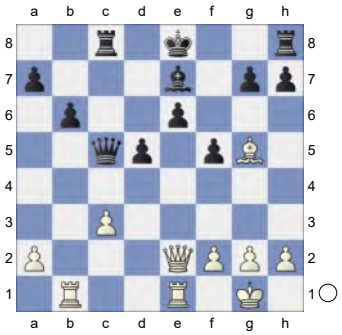
This costs Black the game. **16.Bxf5+- exf5**



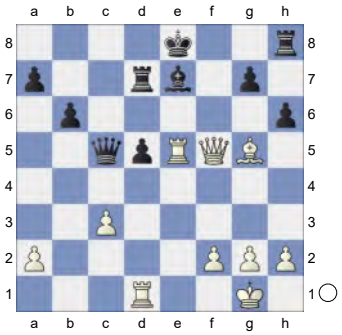
17.e6!↑ White is on the roll. **17...Bxe6**



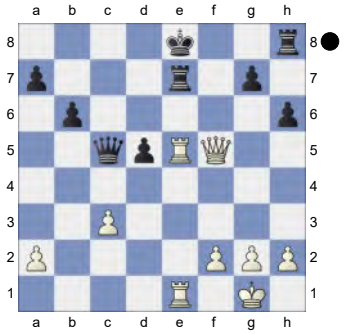
18.Nd4! Be7 3.24/21
[⌓18...Kd8 1.99/20 19.Bg5+ Kc7]
19.Bg5 Qc5? 6.52/18
[Much weaker is 19...Bxg5 20.Nxe6 Kd7 21.Nxg5+- *(21.Rb5 Qxc3 22.Rxd5+ Kc6+-)*]
[19...0-0 3.22/19]
20.Nxe6 White is clearly winning.
20...fxe6



21.Qxe6 Rc7 22.Rbd1
[Less strong is 22.Qxf5 Rf8 23.Qxh7 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1 Qf7±]
22...Rd7 23.Re5 h6 24.Qg6+ Kf8 25.Qxf5+ Ke8



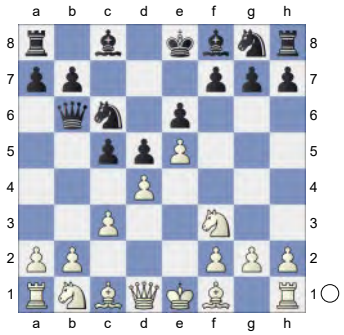
26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.Rde1
(Diagram)



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102 **C02**
□ **Aranaz Murillo,A** **2689**
■ **Dias,Marcelo De Souza** **2609**
Politiken Cup 31st 2021
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0
[7.cxd4]
7...Bd7 8.Re1
[8.Nbd2 Nge7 *(8...dxc3 9.bxc3 Nge7)* 9.Nb3 *(9.cxd4)* 9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Ng6 11.Re1
A) 11...Qc7 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Nbd4 a6
A1) 14.h4 -0.82/22 14.Ra1-b1 0.24 Nxh4 15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.Qg4 Nxd4! *(16...Be7* 0.03/17 16...Nc6xd4 -1.26 *17.Qxg7 0-0-0)* 17.cxd4 Qc3;
A2) 14.Rb1! Nxd4 15.cxd4 Bb5 16.Bxb5+ axb5 17.Qxb5+ Qd7 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.Rxb7+ Kc6 20.Rb2 Rhb8;
B) 11...Be7
B1) 12.g3 -0.21/22 12.Nb3-d4 0.21 Qc7 13.Qe2 0-0
B1a) 14.Nbd4 -0.76/23 14.h2-h4 -0.12 Ncxe5 *(14...Ngxe5!? 15.Nxe5 Nxe5∓* Discovered Attack*)* 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bf4 *(16.Qxe5 Qxc3 17.Nf5 Bf6)* 16...f6! 17.Qh5! g6 18.Bxe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 gxh5 20.Rxh5 Rf7;
B1b) 14.h4 f6 15.Bxg6! hxg6 16.Bf4 fxe5 17.Bxe5 *(17.Nxe5* -0.42/24 17.Bf4xe5 0.08 *Rxf4 18.gxf4 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Qxc3)* 17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rf6;
B2) 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.Nbd4
B2a) 14...a6 15.h4! *(15.g3* -0.29/21 15.h2-h4 0.30 *Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bb5)*;
B2b) 14...Rfc8 15.h4 Nf8 16.h5 h6 17.g4 Nh7 18.Bf4 Na5 0.55/21 *(18...a6=* 0.17/20 *)* 19.Rec1 a6]
8...Rc8
[8...Nge7 9.h4
A) 9...h6 10.h5 Rc8 *(10...a6; 10...Nf5)* 11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3;
B) 9...a6 10.h5 -0.06/20 *(10.Nbd2!±* 0.31/20 should be considered. *)*;
C) 9...Nf5 10.Bxf5 exf5 11.h5 h6 12.cxd4;
D) 9...dxc3 0.39/20 9...Ra8-c8 0.

00 10.Nxc3 a6 11.Be3 Repels Nc6-d4 *(11.Na4!? Qa7 12.Be3±)*

D1) 11...d4 0.43/23 11...Qb6-b4 0.00 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Be4 Nec6 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Bxd4;

D2) 11...Qb4 12.a3 Qg4! 13.b4 -0.48/20 *(13.Rc1= 0.00/23* feels stronger. *)*;

D3) 11...Qb4= 0.00/23;

D4) 11...Qd8 0.64/23 12.Na4± Nf5 1.59/27 *(Better is 12...Ng6± 0.59/23)* 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Bb6! Qc8 15.Nc3 Bb4? 3.08/20 *(15...Be7± 1.28/24)* 16.Nxd5!+- Bxe1 17.Nc7+ Kf8 18.Qd6+ Kg8 19.Rxe1;

E) 9...Nc8 10.Ng5 Be7 11.Qh5 g6! 12.Qg4;

F) 9...h5 10.Nbd2 Nf5 11.c4

F1) 11...dxc4? 2.19/21 11...Nf5-e3 0.66 12.Nxc4 Qc7? 4.10/19 *(12...Qc5 2.12/20 13.Bg5 b5)* 13.Bxf5+- exf5 5.61/20 *(⌓13...Nb4 3.88/16 14.Nd6+ Bxd6 15.exd6 Qxd6 16.Qxd4 Qxd4)* 14.Nd6+;

F2) 11...Ne3± 0.63/22 12.Qe2 dxc4;

F3) 11...Bb4? 2.89/21 12.cxd5+- Nce7 13.Nc4 Against Nf5-e3 Qc5 14.Bd2 Nxd5 15.Rc1 0-0 16.Ng5 g6 3.73/21 *(⌓16...Nh6 2.31/21 17.Nd6 Qb6)* 17.Ne4 Bxd2 18.Nxc5;

G) 9...f5 10.Na3 a6 Dodges Na3-b5 11.Nc2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 1.12/20 *(Black should try 12...Qc7± 0.58/21)* 13.Ncd4;

H) 9...Rc8 10.Nbd2 *(10.h5)* 10...dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Ba3! Qxc3 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.Rxb3 Qa5 16.Qe2]

[8...Nh6 9.h3 Inhibits Nh6-g4. Be7 10.Nbd2 dxc3 *(10...Nf5 11.c4)* 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1! Qc7

A) 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 -0.22/19 *(15.Bxf5± 0.46/19 exf5 16.Qxd5)* 15...Nh4= 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5! 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8? 1.86/18 *(19...f6!= -0.30/17 20.Rb7 Qd8)* 20.g5!+- Rxb1 2.00/19 *(20...hxg5± 1.60/23 21.Qh5 g6 22.Bxg6 fxg6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8)* 21.Bxb1+- g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7? 9.13/21 *(23...Qd8 2.26/19 24.c4 Qe7 25.cxd5 Nd8)* 24.Bxg6+- Bg6-d3 would kill now. Bxd6 25.Bh7;

B) 13.c4

B1) 13...d4 1.38/18 13...d5xc4 0.48 14.Ne4 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Ng3! Qd6? 3.10/20 *(16...Ne3± 1.08/19)* 17.Bxf5+- exf5 18.Nh5 0-0 19.Bf4 Qc5 20.Re5 Qa3 21.Rb3;

B2) 13...dxc4 14.Nxc4 0-0 15.Bf4]

[8...a6 9.Nbd2 dxc3 10.bxc3 Bc5 *(10...Nge7 0.54/19 10...Qb6-a5 0.04 11.c4)* 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Nd4 Prevents Bd7-b5 Ne7 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qg4! Kf8 *(14...g6* Inhibits Bd3xf5. *15.Qh4; 14...Ng6 15.h4)* 15.N2f3]

[8...dxc3 9.Nxc3 Nge7 10.Bd2]

9.Nbd2! White is slightly better. **9...Nge7**

[9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Na5 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4

A) 12...Nxc4 13.Bxc4 dxc4 14.Ne4 c3 0.75/23 *(14...b5=* 0.30/21 *)* 15.Rb3± c2 16.Qd4;

B) 12...dxc4 13.Bc2! Ne7? 2.20/21 *(13...Bc6± 0.42/21)* 14.Ng5 *(14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Nfg5!)*

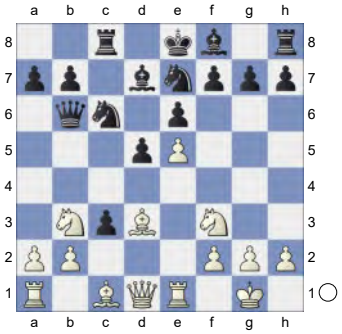
B1) 14...Ng6 15.Nde4! Nxe5

2.35/21 *(15...Nc6± 1.12/22)* 16.Bf4+- Nac6 17.Qh5;
B2) 14...Ng6± 1.45/24 is a better defense.;
B3) 14...h6 1.99/22 15.Nde4!+- Nd5 16.Qh5! g6 17.Nd6+! Bxd6 18.Bxg6 Bxe5? 5.53/17 *(18...Bb4 2.81/17* was worth a try. *)* 19.Nxf7+- Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.Nxh8+ Ke7 22.Qxh6 Rg8 Repels Qh6-g7+ 23.Bg5]

10.Nb3

[10.Rb1 Ng6 11.Nb3! dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Nbd4 -0.05/21 *(13.Qe2± 0.58/22)* 13...a6 0.72/22 *(13...Ncxe5=* -0.05/21 keeps the balance. *14.Nxe5 Nxe5)* 14.Qe2 0.35/21 *(14.Nxc6± 0.72/22 Bxc6 15.h4)* 14...Be7 15.g3 0.15/20 *(15.h4!; 15.h4!± 0.67/21)* 15...0-0 16.h4 b5 1.19/21 *(16...Rfe8±* 0.31/23 *)* 17.Nxc6!± Qxc6 18.h5 Nh8 19.Qc2 g6 20.Qe2 Qxc3 21.Nh2!]

10...dxc3



11.bxc3 Na5N

[11...Ng6 12.h4 Qc7 *(12...Be7 13.h5 Nh4 14.Rb1 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Qc7 16.Qg3 g6 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Qc3 19.Bh6 Bc6 20.Qe3 Rg8 21.Rec1 Qa3 22.Qd2 Kd7 23.Rb3 Qa4 24.Qb2 Rc7 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Bd2 a6 27.Bc2* 1-0 (31) Posizione (2515)-Newton,F (2274) Zalaegerszeg 2004 (7)*)* 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.Qg4 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Qxe5 19.Bd2 0-0 20.Re1 Qc7 21.Nd4!]

12.Be3 Qc7 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Rb1 b6

[14...Rc7 0.46/21 14...b7-b6 -0.02 15.a4 Bxa4 0.96/18 *(15...Nc6 16.Bd2 Qc5 17.Qe2 Be7 18.Rec1; 15...Nc6± 0.34/21)* 16.Qe2!± Nc8 1.32/19 *(⌓16...Rd7* 0.94/16 *)* 17.Ra1± b5 18.Nd4 a6 19.Bd2 0.88/17 *(⌓19.h4* 1.31/19 *)* 19...Qb6 1.83/17 *(19...g6±* 0.88/17 *)* 20.Reb1!]

15.Qe2 Nf5? 2.02/19

[15...Ng6
A) 16.Bd2 Qa4 17.Nd4 Be7 18.Qh5;
B) 16.a4 Bc5 Strongly threatening ...Bc5xe3.
B1) 17.Nd4 -0.24/24 17.Be3-d2 0.32
B1a) 17...Qxc3 0.36/21 17...0-0 -0.30 18.Rec1
B1a1) 18...Bxd4 19.Rxc3 Bxc3 20.h4 Nxh4 21.Rc1 0-0 22.Ba6! Rc7! 23.Bd4 Bxd4 24.Rxc7 Bxa4 25.Qg4 *(25.Bd3!? Ng6□ 26.Bxg6 fxg6 27.Kh1 Bxf2 28.Rxa7=)* 25...Nf5 26.Bd3! Bxe5 aiming for ...Ba4-b5. 27.Rxa7;
B1a2) Black should play 18...Bxd4± 0.37/23 19.Rxc3 Bxc3;
B1a3) 18...Qa5 1.17/24 19.Nb3± Qxa4 20.Nxc5 bxc5 21.Bxc5 Nf4 22.Qe3 Nxd3 23.Qxd3;
B1b) 17...Qxa4 18.Ra1 Ba3 19.Nb5;
B1c) 17...0-0 18.Bd2 Bxd4 19.cxd4 Qxa4 20.Qe3;

B2) 17.Bd2 Threatens to win with c3-c4. 17...0-0 *(17...Qxa4 Hoping for ...Ng6-f4. 18.Ra1 Qc6 19.h4)* 18.Ra1 With the idea h2-h4. d4! 19.cxd4 Bb4;

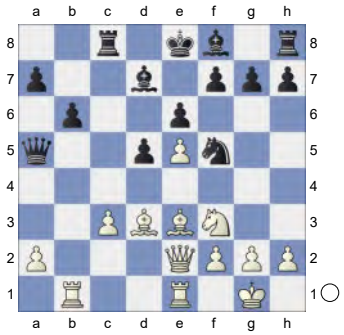
C) 16.a4= 0.09/22 is more appropriate.;

D) 16.h4 -0.36/19 16...Qa4!∓ 17.c4 dxc4 18.Bc2 Qa5 19.Red1! Ba4 20.h5 Ne7! 21.Qd2 c3 22.Qd4! Bc6 23.Qg4]

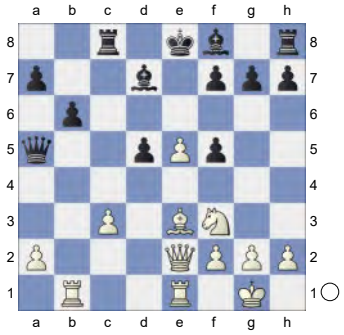
[15...Nc6 16.a4 Be7 0.76/19 *(16...Ba3= 0.15/18)* 17.Bb5!± 0-0 18.Bd2!]

[15...Qa4 16.Rb4 Qa3 17.Bd2 Qxa2 1.12/19 *(17...Nc6= 0.00/18 remains equal. 18.Rb3 Qa5)* 18.Rbb1]

[15...Qa4= 0.19/21]

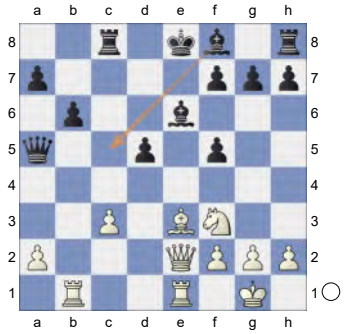


16.Bxf5+- exf5



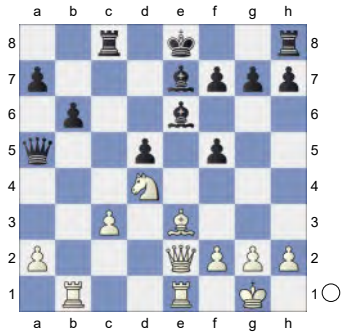
17.e6! Bxe6

[17...fxe6 18.Ne5 Be3-d4 is the strong threat. *(18.Bd4)* 18...Bd6 2.33/22 *(18...Qa4* 2.65/22 18...h7-h5 1.47 *19.Qh5+; 18...h5±* 1.60/20 was called for.*)* 19.Qh5++- Kd8 20.Bg5+ Kc7 21.Nxd7 Qh5-f7 would now be deadly. Kxd7? 3.49/21 *(21...g6* 1.75/20 *22.Qh6 Kxd7)* 22.Qf7++- Kc6 And now ... Rh8-f8 would win. 23.Rxe6]



18.Nd4! Be7? 3.19/21

[18...Kd8± 1.51/20 19.Bf4 Qa4]



A mistake that costs the game. **19.Bg5! Qc5?** 5.19/18

[19...Bxg5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 #5/19 *(20...Kd7+- 4.29/17 21.Nxg5 Kc6)* 21.Qxe6+]

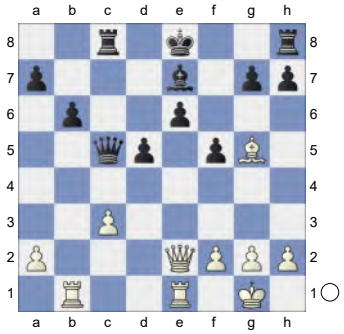
[Much worse is 19...Bxg5 20.Nxe6 Kd7 21.Nxg5+-]

[19...0-0 3.13/19 might work better.]

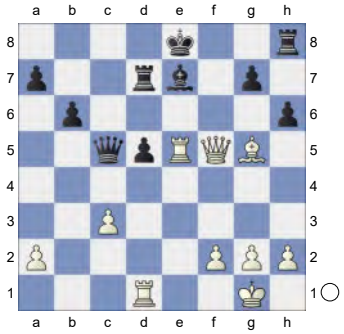
20.Nxe6 White is clearly winning.

20...fxe6

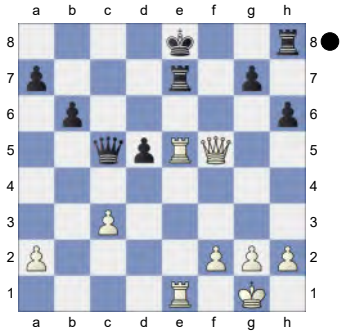
(Diagram)



21.Qxe6 Rc7 22.Rbd1
[Weaker is 22.Qxf5 Rf8 23.Qxh7 Qxf2+ 24.Kh1 Qf7±]
22...Rd7 23.Re5 h6 24.Qg6+ Kf8 25.Qxf5+ Ke8



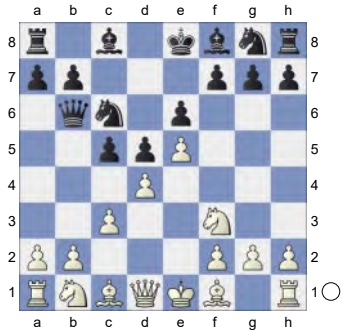
26.Bxe7 Rxe7 27.Rde1



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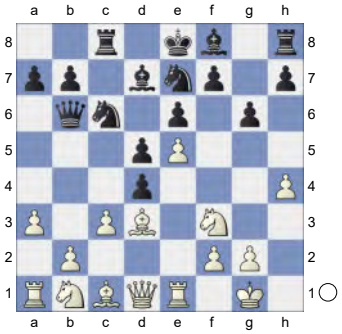
103 **C02**
□ **Kanli,Alperen** **2492**
■ **Buese,Ralf** **2729**
85/256 Kallithea (5) 17.01.2023
[John Watson]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

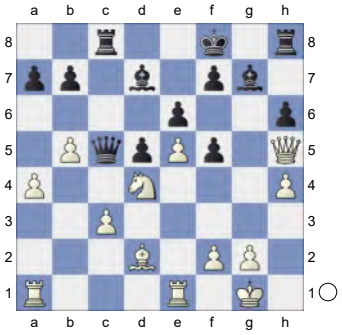


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.a3 The position is equal. **9...Nge7 10.h4 g6N**
[10...a6 11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Be3 Qd8 14.axb4 Rxc3 15.Bc5 Nc6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qd2 Rb3 18.b5 axb5 19.Qc2 Rb4 20.Qc5+ Qe7 21.Ra8+ Be8 22.Qb6 g6 23.h5 Kg7 24.Qe3 h6 25.hxg6 Osmak,I (2449)-Bon,M (2392) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (34)]
[10...h6 11.b4 a6 12.c4 dxc4 13.Nbd2 cxd3 14.Nc4 Qa7 15.Nd6+ Kd8 16.Nxf7+ Kc7 17.Nxh8 Be8 18.Qxd3 Kb8 19.Bb2 Rd8 20.Re4 g6 21.Rf4 Bg7 22.Nf7 Nxe5 23.N7xe5 Bxe5 24.Re4 Bg7 25.Rxe6 Mas,J (2197)-Belov,A (2421) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (37)]

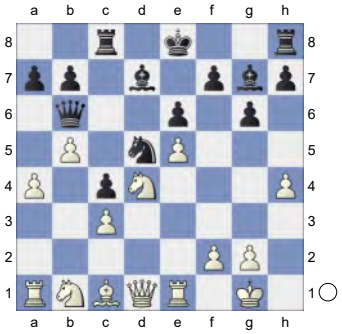
(Diagram)



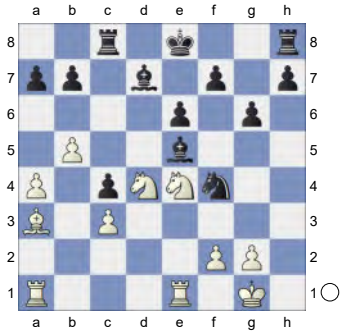
11.b4 Bg7 0.37/20
[11...Nf5= 0.01/18]
12.b5 Na5 13.Nxd4 Nc4 14.Bxc4
[14.Bf4 Nf5 0.40/18 *(14...Bxb5= 0.00/18 15.Nxb5 Qxb5)* 15.Bxf5± gxf5 16.a4 Qc5 17.Qh5 Kf8 18.Nd2 Nxd2 19.Bxd2 h6



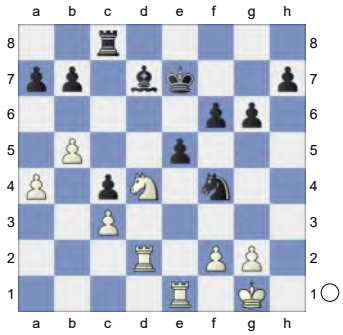
20.Re3!]
14...dxc4 15.a4 Nd5



16.Ba3 Qd8 17.Qf3 0.60/21
[17.Nd2± 1.12/20]
17...Qxh4 18.Nd2 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Nxf4 20.Ne4 0.41/21
[Better is 20.Re4± 0.72/21]
20...Bxe5 3.19/22
[20...Bf8!± 0.41/21]

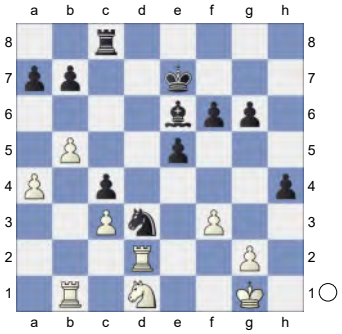


21.Bd6? -0.58/22
[21.Nf3+- 3.19/22 f5 22.Nxe5 fxe4 23.Rxe4]
21...Bxd6∓ 22.Nxd6+ Pair of Knights!
22...Ke7 23.Nxc8+ Rxc8 24.Rad1 -0.89/19
[24.Re4∓ -0.42/21 deserves consideration. Nd5 25.Ra3]
24...f6 25.Rd2 -1.30/20
[White should try 25.Nc2 -0.77/20]
25...e5

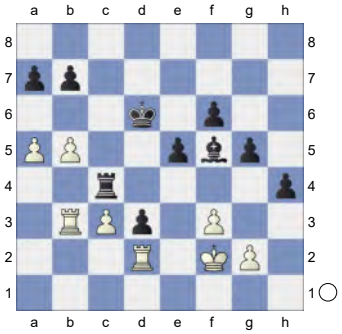


26.Nc2 Nd3 27.Rb1 Bf5 -1.05/20
[27...Nc5-+ -1.61/21 Threatens to win with ...Ne4. 28.Ne3 Nxa4 29.Nd5+ Ke6 30.Nf4+ exf4 31.Re1+ Kf5 32.Rxd7 Nxc3 33.Rxb7 Rc5 34.Rxa7 Nxb5 35.Rxh7 Nd4]
28.Ne3∓ Be6 29.Nd1 -1.32/21
[⌓29.Kf1 -0.98/19]
29...h5 &Nero is more active. **30.f3 h4**

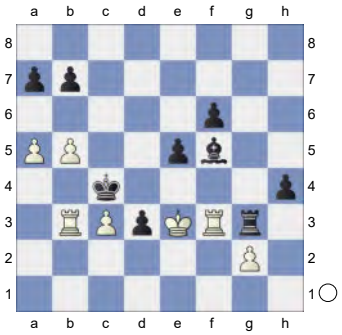
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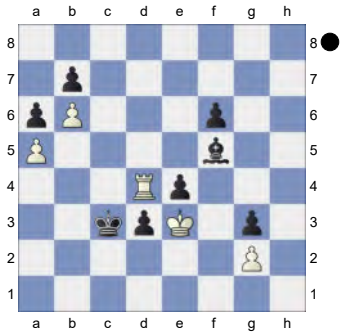
31.Nf2 Bf5 32.Nxd3 -2.42/21
[32.Nd1∓ -1.30/20 keeps fighting.]
32...cxd3 Endgame KRR-KRB **33.Rb3 g5 34.Kf2 Rc4 35.a5 Kd6**



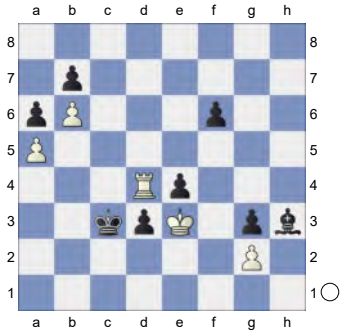
36.Ke3 Kc5 37.Rdb2 g4 38.fxg4? -5.83/22
[38.Rb4 -1.81/23 is tougher. g3 39.b6]
38...Rxg4-+ 39.Rf2 Rg3+? -1.99/21
[39...Bg6 -5.05/21 40.Kd2 Rg3]
40.Rf3 Kc4
[Inferior is 40...Rxg2 41.Rxf5 Kc4 42.Rb4+ Kxc3 43.Rxh4=]



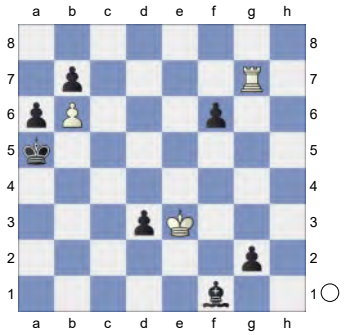
41.Rxg3 hxg3 KR-KB **42.Ra3** -3.29/24
[42.Rb1∓ -1.19/23 is the only way for White.]
42...e4
[42...Kxb5 43.Rb3+ Ka6 44.Rb1∓]
43.b6 a6 44.Ra4+? -6.16/26
[44.Ra1 -3.45/25 Bg4 45.Rf1]
44...Kxc3 45.Rd4



Bh3!

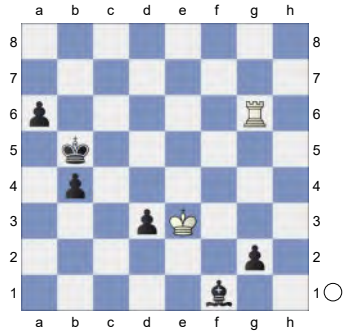


46.Kxe4 -16.19/26
[Wrong is 46.gxh3? g2 47.Rd8 g1Q+]
[⌓46.Rd8 -4.95/24 Bxg2 47.Rd7]
[46.Rd5 f5]
46...Bxg2+ 47.Ke3 Bf1 (-> ...g2)
48.Rd7 g2 49.Rc7+ Kb4 50.Rg7 Kxa5

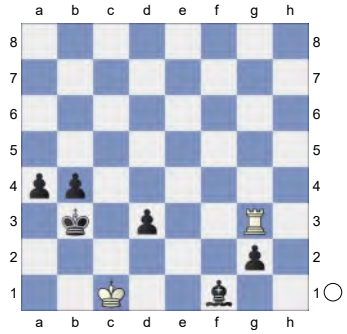


aiming for ...Kb4. **51.Rg6 Kxb6**

And now ...a5 would win. **52.Rxf6+ Ka5 53.Kf2 b5 54.Rg6 b4 55.Ke3 Kb5**



Strongly threatening ...b3. **56.Rg5+ Ka4 57.Kd2 a5** ...Kb3 is the strong threat. **58.Kc1 Kb3 59.Rg3 a4**

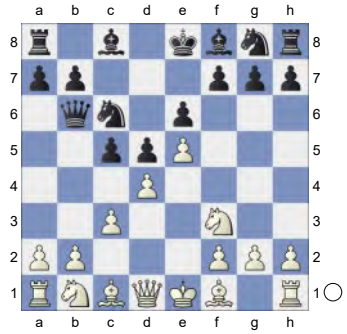


What a bad dream for White.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.83/ Black=0.60
0-1

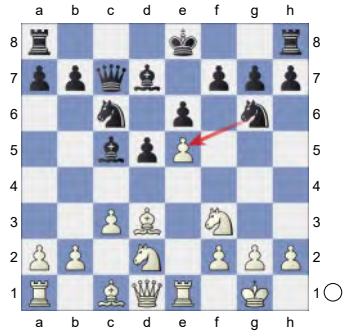
104 **C02**
☐ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2618**
■ **Tsydypov,Zhamsaran** **2538**
Titled Tue 7. Mar Early (5) 07.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
In this model game, the current Grischuk, the current world number 17, wins against grandmaster Moskalenko. Grischuk shows a great understanding of the opening in this structure, which we can frequently get against the French.

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

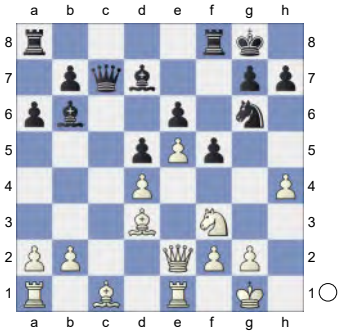


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Re1 Nge7 10.Nbd2 Ng6

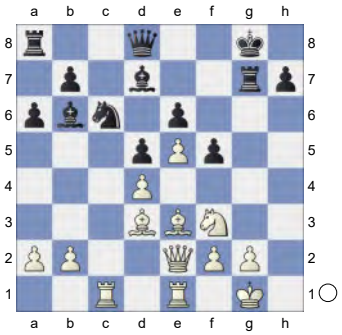


11.Nb3 White is slightly better. **11...Bb6 12.Qe2 0-0 13.Nbd4 a6 14.h4**
White is more active. **14...Nxd4N**
[14...f6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Bf4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.cxd4 f5 19.Rac1 Qa5 20.Qe3 Rfc8 21.Qg3 Kf7 22.Qb3 Bb5 23.a3 Qa4 24.Qe3 Rc2 25.Rxc2 Qxc2 26.Rc1 Qxb2 27.Rc7+ Kg8 28.Qg3 Be8 29.h5 1-0 (34) Grischuk,A (2764)-Moskalenko,A (2514) Titled Tuesday intern op 04th Jan blitz 2022 (6) Qb6 30.Re7 Qxd4 31.Kh2 Qc5 32.Qh4 Rc8 33.h6 gxh6 34.Qf6 24. Model Games-Grischuk,A]
15.cxd4 f5

(Diagram)

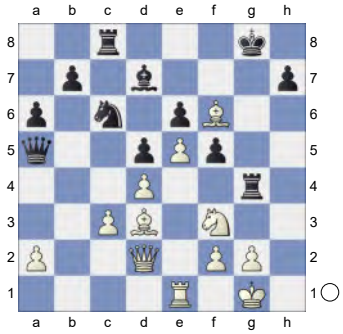


16.h5 0.72/21
[⌓16.exf6! 1.15/24 And now Bd3xg6 would win. Nf4 17.Bxf4 Qxf4 18.fxg7 *(18.Ne5 Be8±)* 18...Kxg7 19.Rac1]
16...Ne7± 17.h6 Nc6 18.hxg7 Rf7 19.Be3 0.10/23
[19.Bh6± 0.58/22]
19...Rxg7= 20.Rac1 Qd8
[20...Be8!?]



21.Qd2 Ba5 Against a2-a3 **22.Rc3 Bxc3** 0.91/21
[22...Qe7!= 0.25/22 keeps the balance.]
23.bxc3± Rc8 1.45/22
[⌓23...Qe8 1.09/21]
24.Bg5 White has strong compensation.
24...Qa5 1.90/22
[24...Ne7± 1.30/22]
25.Bf6+- Rg4

(Diagram)

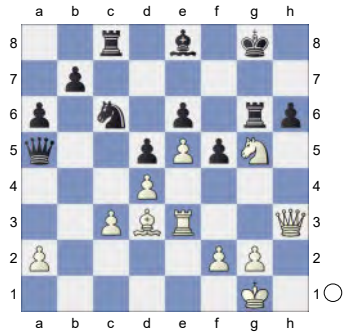


26.Qh6 0.52/24
[White should try 26.Be2+- 1.81/21 Black must now prevent Nf3-h4. Na7 27.Rc1 *(27.Qh6 Rg6=)*]
26...Rg6!± 27.Qh5 -0.91/21
[27.Qh4 Qxc3 28.Re3 *(28.Rd1 Rf8∓)* 28...Nxd4 29.Qxd4 *(29.Nxd4? Qa1+ 30.Kh2 Rc1-+)* 29...Qxd4 30.Nxd4 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 Rd1∓]
[27.Qd2!± 0.52/24 keeps the upper hand.]
27...Be8!∓
[27...Qxc3 28.Ng5 Nxe5 29.Qxh7+ Kf8 30.Bxe5 *(30.Be7+ Ke8+-; 30.Qe7+ Kg8 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Bxe5 Qxe1+ 33.Bf1 Qxf1+* Remove Defender *34.Kxf1 Bb5+ 35.Kg1 Rc1+ 36.Kh2 Rh1+ 37.Kxh1 Ke8)* 30...Qxe1+ 31.Bf1]
28.Ng5? -3.40/22
[28.Qh4!∓ -0.61/20 Rg4 29.Qh6 Qxc3 30.Rd1 Nxd4 31.Ng5]
28...h6-+ 29.Re3
[29.Nxe6 Rxg2+ *(29...Qxc3 30.Qe2±)* 30.Kxg2 Bxh5-+]
29...Rxf6? 0.04/20
[29...hxg5 30.Qh8+ Kf7 31.Bxf5 Rg8 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Bxe6 *(33.Qxb7 Rc7∓)* 33...Rg6 34.Qh8+]
[29...Qxa2 30.Rg3 Qd2 *(30...hxg5 31.Rxg5 Rc7 32.Qh8+ Kf7 33.Rxg6* Deflection *Kxg6 34.Qxe8+ Kh7 35.Qh8+ Kg6 36.Qg8+ Kh6 37.Bg5+ Kh5 38.g4+* Decoy *Kxg4 39.Be7+*

Kh5 40.Qg5#) 31.Qh3 Nxd4 *(31...hxg5 32.Qh8+ Kf7 33.Rh3 Qd1+ 34.Kh2; 31...Rxg5? 32.Rxg5+ Qxg5 33.Bxg5+-)* 32.Nxe6 *(32.cxd4? Qd1+ 33.Kh2 Rc1-+)* 32...Rxc3 *(32...Nxe6? 33.Qxf5 Rc6 34.Rxg6+ Bxg6 35.Qxg6+ Kf8 36.g3+-)* 33.Nxd4 Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Rxg3 35.Qxg3+ Qg4 36.Qxg4+ *(36.Nxf5? Qxg3+* Remove Defender *37.Kxg3 Rxd3+-+; 36.Qe3 Qh5+ 37.Kg3 Qg6+ 38.Kh2 f4=)* 36...fxg4 37.Bf5+-]

[29...Qxc3-+ -3.18/20 30.g3 Rxf6 *(30...hxg5 31.Bxf5 Kf8 32.Qh8+ Rg8 33.Qh6+ Kf7 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Bxe6 Qa1+ 36.Kh2; 30...Nxd4? 31.Qh4-+; 30...Rxg5? 31.Qxh6 Qa1+ 32.Kg2+-)*]

30.Qh3= Rg6



31.Nxe6 Ne7

[31...Rxe6? 32.Bxf5 *(32.Qxf5 Bf7±)* 32...Rg6 33.Bxg6 *(33.Bxc8 Qxa2 34.Bf5 Rg5+-)* 33...Bxg6 34.Qe6+ *(34.Qxc8+ Qd8+-)* 34...Kh7 35.Qxc8+-]

32.Nf4? -1.94/22

[32.Bxf5= 0.00/22 and White has nothing to worry. Nxf5 33.Qxf5]

32...Rg7?? 2.67/20

[32...Qxc3-+ -1.94/22 avoids the disaster. 33.Nxg6 Bxg6]

33.Qxh6+- White wants to mate with Nf4-e6.

[33.Bxf5 Nxf5 34.Qxf5 Qd8 *(34...Rxc3 35.Ne6=)* 35.Qe6+ Bf7∓ *(35...Kh7 36.Nxd5 Rc6 37.Nf6+∓)*]

33...Qxc3? 6.44/19

[33...Bg6 1.78/22]

34.Rh3?? -2.90/24

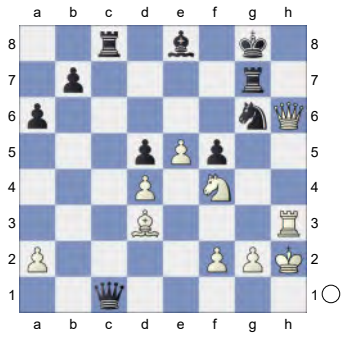
[34.Qe6+ Bf7 35.Qxe7 Qxd4±]

[34.Ne6+- 6.44/19 Qc1+ 35.Bf1 Qxf1+ 36.Kxf1 Bb5+ 37.Ke1 *(37.Kg1 Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Rh7+-* Pin *)*]

34...Qc1+-+

[34...Qxd4? 35.Qh8+ *(35.Qxg7+ Kxg7 36.Ne6+ Kg6+-)* 35...Kf7 36.e6+ *(36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37.Ne6+ Kg8±)* 36...Kf6 37.Qh6+ Ng6 38.Nh5+ Ke7 39.Nxg7+-]

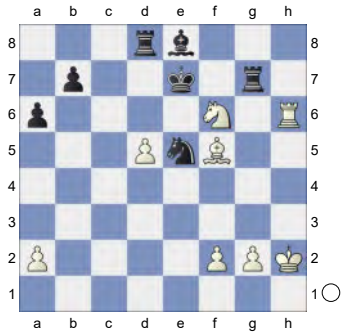
35.Kh2 Ng6



Against Qh6-h8+ **36.Nxd5** aiming for Nd5-f6+. **36...Qxh6 37.Rxh6 Rd8 38.Nf6+ Kf8 39.d5** -4.96/21

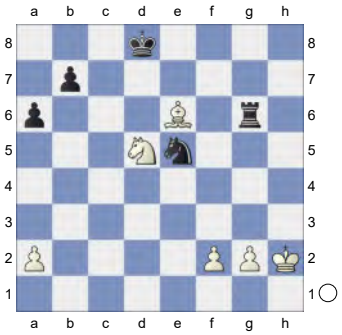
[39.Bxf5 -2.37/20 Bf7 *(39...Rxd4 40.Nxe8* Remove Defender *Kxe8 41.Bxg6+ Kf8 42.Kh3=)* 40.g4]

39...Nxe5 40.Bxf5 Ke7

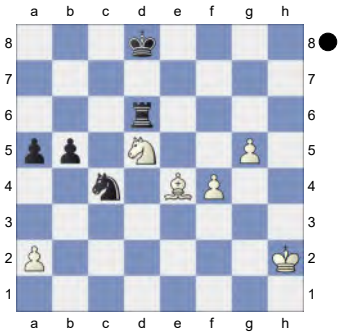


41.Ne4 Rxd5 42.Re6+ Kd8 43.Nf6

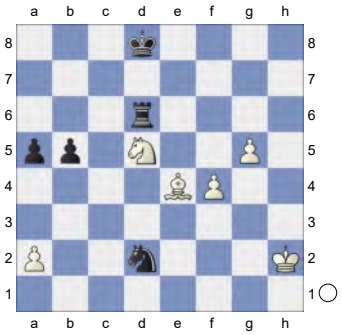
Prevents Be8-d7. **43...Bf7** -2.42/18
[⌓43...Nf3+ -4.60/24 44.gxf3 Rxf5 45.Rxe8+ Kc7]
44.Nxd5 Bxe6 45.Bxe6 Endgame. KRN-KBN **45...Rg6**



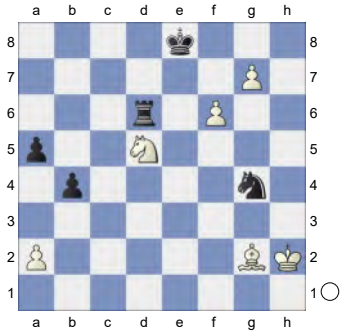
46.Bf5 Rd6 47.Be4 b5 48.f4 -2.43/24
[48.Kg3 -1.86/21 is a better defense.]
48...Nc4 49.g4 a5
[49...Nd2 50.Bg2=]
50.g5



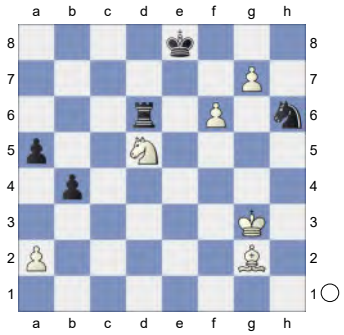
Nd2? 0.00/29
[50...Nb6!-+ -2.24/21 51.Nxb6 Rxb6]



51.Bg2 b4 52.f5! Ke8 ...Ke8-f8 would now be deadly. **53.g6 Nc4** Strongly threatening ...Nc4-b6. **54.f6?** -2.96/23
[54.Nc7+!= -0.10/20 and White stays safe. Kf8 55.Kg3]
54...Ne5 55.g7 Ng4+?? 5.89/19
[55...Kf7-+ -1.92/21 and all is fine. Hoping for ...Ne5-g4+. 56.Bh3 a4 *(56...Rxd5 57.Be6+ Decoy Kxe6 58.g8Q+ Nf7 59.Qc8+ Kxf6 60.Kg1=)*]

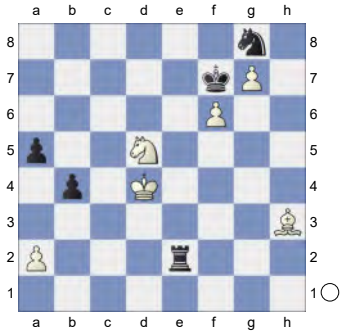


56.Kg3+- Nh6

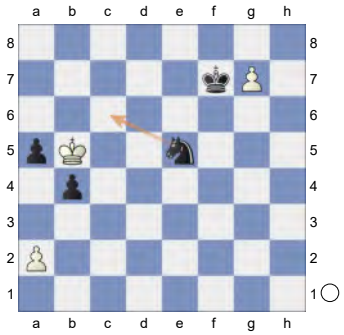


57.Kf4? 0.00/34
[Only move: 57.Bf3!+- 5.52/28 Rxf6 58.Nxf6+ Kf7 59.g8Q+ Nxg8 60.Nxg8]
57...Kf7= The position is equal. **58.Ke5 Re6+ 59.Kd4 Ng8 60.Bh3⇄** White has counterplay **60...Re2**

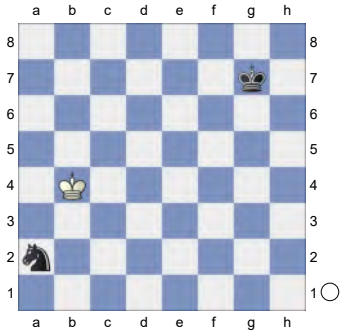
(Diagram)



61.Bg4 Bg4-h5+ is the strong threat. Dancing on a razor blade. **61...Rd2+**
[61...Rxa2 62.Bh5+ Ke6 63.f7 Rd2+ 64.Ke4 *(64.Ke3 Nh6+-; 64.Ke3 Nh6 65.Nf4+ Ke5 66.f8Q Rd7 67.Nd3+ Rxd3+ 68.Kxd3 b3 69.Qe7+ Kf4)*]
62.Kc5 Rxd5+ Decoy **63.Kxd5** Threatens to win with Bg4-e6+.
63...Nxf6+ 64.Kc5 Nxg4 KN-KPP
65.Kb5 Ne5



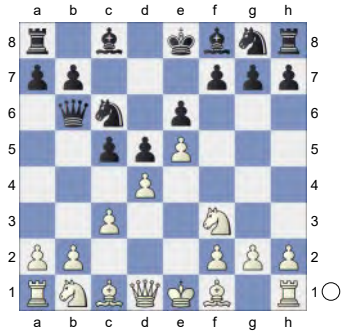
66.Kxa5 Nd3 67.Kb5 Kxg7 68.Kc4 Nc1 69.Kxb4 Nxa2+



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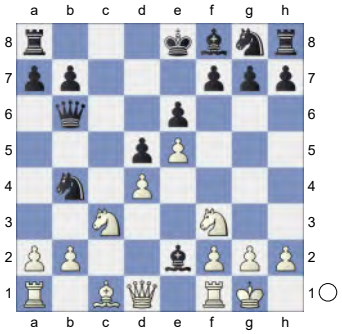
105 **C02**
□ **Nepomniachtchi,Ian** **2769**
■ **Ruiz Castillo,Joshua Daniel** **2426**
Titled Tue 20. Feb Early (6) 20.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



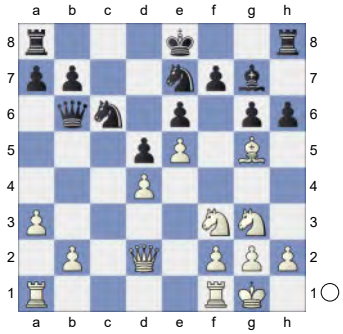
6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nb4
[8...Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Re1 Nc6 14.Be3 Qxe5 15.Bc5 Qg5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Ba3 Nd4 18.Qb4 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Nxe1 20.Rxe1 Rc8 21.f4 Qh4 22.g3 Qd8 23.Qd6 0-1 (56) Milliet,S (2374)-Prusikin,M (2541) Merlimont 114/83 2011]
9.Be2 Bb5 10.Nc3
[10.Bxb5+ Qxb5 11.Nc3 Qd7 12.a3 Nc6 13.b4 Rc8 14.Qd3 f6 15.Bf4 f5 16.h4 Nh6 17.Rac1 Be7 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qd2 0-0 20.Qxh6 Rf7 21.b5 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Bxa3 23.Rc2 Rc4 24.Nce2 Rxc2 1-0 (53) Rodriguez Farias,E (1825)-Cayetano, J (1673) URU-chT Montevideo 2023 (3.4)]
10...Bxe2

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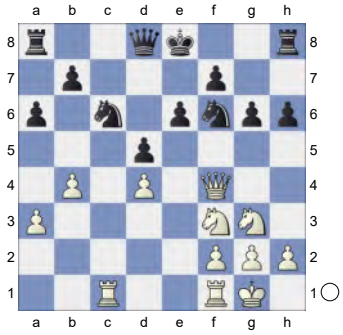


11.Nxe2N
[11.Qxe2 Nc6 *(11...Ne7 12.Rd1 Rc8 13.Qb5+ Qxb5 14.Nxb5 Nec6 15.Be3 Be7 16.Ne1 Kd7 17.Rdc1 f6 18.a3 Na6 19.Nd3 Nc7 20.Nxc7 Rxc7 21.Rc2 Rhc8 22.Rac1 Na5 23.Rxc7+ Rxc7 24.Rxc7+ Kxc7 25.Kf1 fxe5 26.dxe5* 0-1 (43) Kalendovsky,J-Babula,M Brno KOLT-01 1968 (3)*; 11...a6 12.Be3 Ne7 13.a3 Nbc6 14.Qd3 Nf5 15.Nxd5 Qa5 16.Nc3 Rd8 17.b4 Qc7 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.d5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Rfe1 Qd4 22.Qxf5 Qxc3 23.Rac1 Re7 24.Qf4 e5 25.Qg4 h5 26.Qf5* 1-0 (27) Glyanets, A-10. ♘ c3 ♗ g7 (2160) 4/789 Jerusalem 1967 (6)*)* 12.Bd2 Nge7 13.Na4 Qd8 14.Qb5 Rb8 15.Nc5 Nf5 16.Bb4 Qb6 17.a4 Qxb5 18.axb5 Nxb4 19.Rxa7 Nxd4 20.Rxb7 Rxb7 21.Nxb7 Nxf3+ 22.gxf3 Kd7 23.Rc1 Be7 0-1 Khanabiev,A (1988)-Neelotpal,D (2445) Martigny op 22nd 2013 (7)]
11...Ne7 12.a3 White is better.
12...Nbc6 13.Ng3 0.34/17
[White should try 13.b4± 0.73/21]
13...g6 0.88/19
[13...Na5± 0.34/17]
14.Bg5 Bg7 15.Qd2 0.03/17
[Better is 15.Rb1± 0.74/22]
15...h6=

(Diagram)

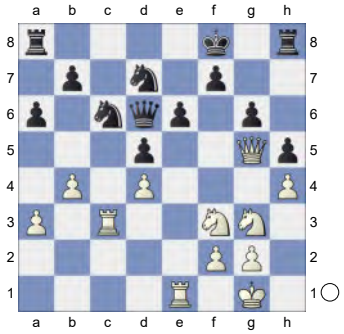


16.Bf6 -0.44/19
[16.Be3= 0.03/17 should be considered.]
16...Bxf6∓ 17.exf6 Ng8 18.Qf4 Qd8
[18...Qxb2? 19.Rfb1 Qc3 20.Qc7 Nxf6 21.Rc1+-]
19.Rac1 Nxf6 20.b4 a6

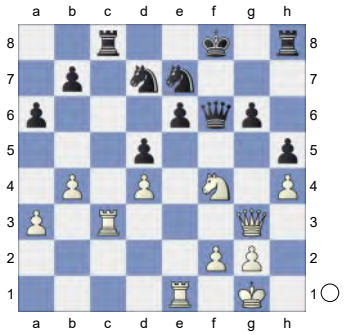


21.h4 Nd7 22.Rfe1 Qb8 23.Qg4 h5 -0.12/23
[Black should play 23...Qd6∓ -0.87/22 24.Ne5 Ndxe5 *(24...Ncxe5 25.dxe5 Qb6 26.Qf4∓)* 25.dxe5 Qe7 *(25...Nxe5? 26.Qf4+-)*]
24.Qg5 -0.48/20 Repels Nd7-f6
[24.Rxe6+= -0.12/23 is more appropriate. fxe6 25.Qxe6+ Kd8 26.Ng5 *(26.Ne2? Re8-+* Skewer *)*]
24...Qd6 25.Rc3 -0.86/19
[25.a4!∓ -0.37/20]
25...Kf8 -0.18/22
[25...Qe7∓ -0.86/19 ...Qe7xg5 is the strong threat. 26.Qf4 Qd8]

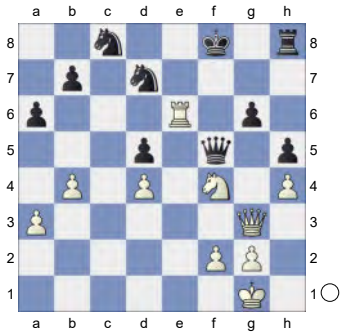
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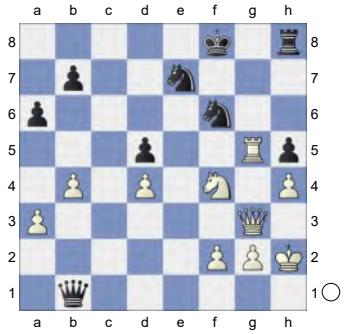
26.Ne2!= Qe7 0.24/16
[⌓26...Re8 -0.29/22]
27.Qg3 Black must now prevent Ne2-f4.
27...Rc8? 3.19/20
[27...Nf6= 0.22/22 and Black stays safe. 28.Ng5 Kg8]
28.Nf4+- Qf6 29.Ng5 Ne7? 5.92/19
[29...Kg8 2.97/19 30.Nfxe6 Qe7 Pin *(30...fxe6? 31.Rf3+-)*]
30.Ngxe6+ fxe6



31.Rxc8+ Nxc8 32.Rxe6? 1.12/19
[32.Nxg6+ Kf7 33.Nxh8+ Qxh8±]
[32.Nxe6++- 3.45/22 is the precise move to win. Kf7 33.Ng5+ Kg7 34.Re6]
32...Qf5±

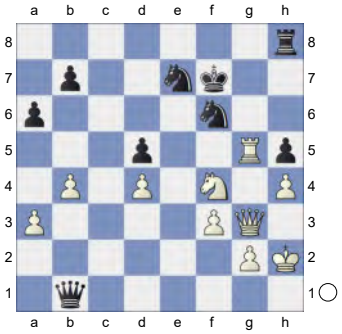


33.Rxg6 -0.18/25 White has more active pieces.
[33.Qxg6 Qxg6 *(33...Qxf4 34.Re8#)* 34.Rxg6 Ndb6∓]
[33.Nxg6+ Kf7 34.Nxh8+ Kxe6 35.Qg8+ Ke7=]
[33.Qc3!± 1.19/21 Kf7 34.Qc7 Qxe6 35.Nxe6 Kxe6 36.Qxb7]
33...Ne7= 34.Rg5 Qb1+
[34...Qe4!?]
35.Kh2 Nf4-e6+ would now be deadly. White has compensation. **35...Nf6?** #10/19
[35...Qe4= 0.21/23]



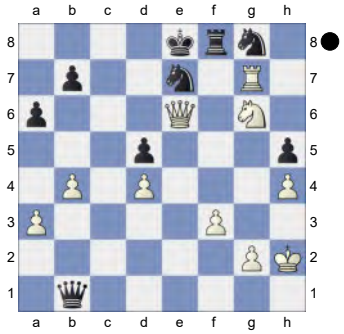
36.f3? 0.36/20
[36.Ne6+ #10/19 Ke8 37.Qb8+ Skewer, Double Attack Kd7 38.Qc7+ *(38.Qxh8 Kxe6 39.f3 Qc1=; 38.Nc5+ Kc6+-)* 38...Ke8 39.Qd8+ Skewer *(39.Qxb7 Rg8=)* 39...Kf7 40.Rg7+ *(40.Qxh8 Kxe6 41.f3 Qc1±)* 40...Kxe6 41.Qxe7+ Kf5 42.Qe5#]
36...Kf7? #10/19
[36...Rg8± 0.36/20]

(Diagram)



37.Qh3? 0.83/24
[37.Rg7+ #10/19 mates Ke8 38.Ne6 *(38.Rxe7+ Kxe7 39.Qg7+* Skewer, Double Attack *Ke8+-)* 38...Ng4+ 39.fxg4 Qh1+ 40.Kxh1 hxg4 41.Qb8+ Skewer, Double Attack Kd7 42.Nc5+ *(42.Qxh8 Kc6 43.a4 Kb6 44.Qd8+ Ka7 45.Qxe7 Kb8 46.Qxb7#)* 42...Kc6 43.Qxb7+ Kd6 44.Qd7#]
37...Ke8 1.37/23
[37...Qe1? 38.Re5+-]
[⌓37...Rh6 0.83/24]
38.Qe6 White threatens Rg5-g7! and mate. Really sharp! **38...Rf8?** #9/15
[38...Rh6± 1.22/18 39.Qe5 *(39.Nxd5?* too greedy. *Ng4+* Discovered Attack *40.fxg4 Rxe6-+)* 39...Kf7]
39.Rg7 Nfg8 40.Ng6 8.23/20
[⌓40.Nxd5 #8/18 Qe1 41.Qxe1 Rf5 42.Rxe7+ *(42.Nxe7 Rf7 43.Nf5+ Kd7 44.Rxf7+ Kc6 45.Qe5 Ne7 46.Rxe7 Kb6 47.Qc5#)* 42...Kf8 43.Re8+ Kg7 44.Qg3+ Skewer, Deflection Kh6 45.Qxg8 *(45.Rxg8 Rg5 46.hxg5+ Kh7 47.Nf6#)* 45...b5 46.Re6+ Rf6 47.Rxf6#]

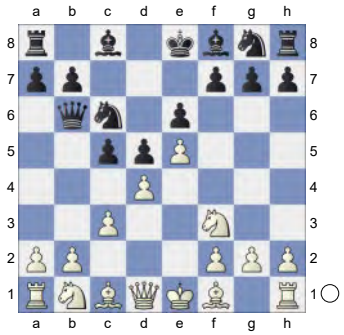
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106 **C02**
□ **Jones,G** **2670**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun Kumar** **2559**
Titled Tuesday 20th Oct blitz (9)
[John Watson]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 The most popular move, although the flexible 8...Rc8 is also seen.
[And 8...dxc3 9.Nxc3 is not necessarily bad, but very dangerous for Black, as shown by Nb4 10.Be3 Bc5 11.Bxc5 -0.07/26 *(11.Na4± 0.39/26* is superior. *Bxa4 12.Qxa4+ Nc6 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.Qg4)* 11...Qxc5= 12.Rc1 -0.49/24

(12.Bb1!; 12.Bb1= -0.07/26) 12...Qb6 0.48/26 *(12...Nxd3! 13.Qxd3 Ne7; 12...Nxd3!∓ -0.49/24 13.Qxd3 Ne7)* 13.Bb1± Ne7 14.Ng5!? -0.28/22 *(14.a3± 0.49/22)* 14...Ng6? 2.41/23 *(14...h6= -0.28/22 15.Nf3 Nbc6)* 15.Qh5+- Nc6 16.Nxd5! exd5 17.e6 0-0-0 18.Nxf7 Nf4 19.exd7+ Rxd7 20.Qf5 Rf8 21.Nd6+ Kc7 22.Qxf8 Nd3 23.Ne8+ 8.17/20 *(⌓23.Bxd3 #16/18 a6 24.Qc8+ Kxd6 25.Bf5 Re7 26.Re6+ Rxe6 27.Qxe6+ Kc7 28.Qc8+ Kd6 29.Qd7+ Ke5 30.Qe6+ Kf4 31.g3+ Kg5 32.h4+ Kh5 33.Bg4#)* 23...Kd8 24.Bxd3 1-0 Ehlvest, J (2517)-Rathanvel,V (2445) chess.com INT 2020]

9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8** A flexible move.

[9...Nf5?! 10.Bxf5! is seen in this month's game Jones-Iskusnyh]

[9...h6 has been played several times, both preventing Ng5 and anticipating that after h5, White won't be able to weaken Black's kingside with h6. For example:

A) 10.h5

A1) 10...a6 11.Bc2 -0.37/22 *(11.Nbd2!± 0.40/21)* 11...dxc3∓ 12.Nxc3 Qc7 0.28/20 *(12...Qb4!;* Black should play *12...Qb4∓ -0.37/21)* 13.Bf4= b5?! 0.74/23 *(13...Rc8= 0.26/23* might be stronger.*)* 14.Rc1± Hector,J (2614)-Karlsson,T (2293) Sweden 2008;

A2) 10...Rc8 11.Bc2 dxc3 12.Nxc3 d4?! 0.50/25 Inhibits Bc1-e3. *(* Black has decent play after *12...Qb4!?;* or *12...Na5; 12...Qb4=* -0.29/24 *)* 13.Na4 -0.04/26 *(13.Ne4!±; 13.Ne4±* 0.50/25 *Nd5 14.Bb3)* 13...Qc7!= ...Ne7-d5 would now be deadly. 14.Be4 Nd5= 15.Bxd5?! exd5 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc4∓ Hector,J (2537)-Roiz,M (2680) Helsingor 2008;

B) 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 *(11...Qa5!?* 0.54/20 11...Ne7-c8 0.10; *11...Nc8!?)* 12.Nb3 Nc4 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Qe2 *(14.Nfd4∞)* 14...Nc8 15.Bf4 -0.72/21 *(15.Nbd2∓* -0.33/21 *)* 15...N8b6∓ Lopez Gracia,F (2302)-Villuendas Valero,A (2311) Zaragoza 2017]

[9...dxc3 10.Nxc3 a6 is discussed in the notes to this month's game Jones-Iskusnyh]

10.Nbd2

[10.a3 -0.13/23 10.Nb1-d2 0.29

A) 10...g6 11.Nbd2 *(11.h5* -0.69/19 11.b2-b4 0.21 *gxh5 12.Bc2 Rg8)* 11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Bg7 13.Nb3 Qc7 14.Bf4 0-0 15.Nbd4 Na5 16.Qe2 Nc4 17.h5 h6! 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bg3∞;

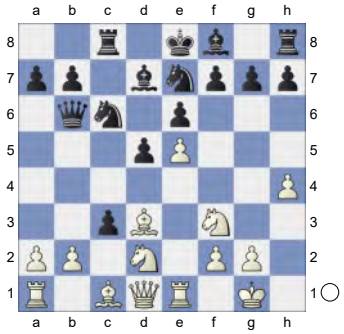
B) 10...a6= -0.13/23;

C) 10...a5 0.55/24 11.b4 -0.11/20 *(11.h5! h6 12.Bc2±; 11.Bc2 dxc3 12.Nxc3; 11.h5±* 0.55/24 *)* 11...dxc3= 12.Nxc3 aiming for Nc3-a4. axb4 13.axb4 -0.47/19 *(13.Rb1; 13.Be3=* 0.00/21 was preferrable. *Qd8 14.Nb5)* 13...Nxb4∓ 14.Nb5?? -3.76/23 *(14.Be3∓* -0.46/21 *Qd8 15.Rb1)* 14...Bxb5-+ 15.Be3 d4 *(15...Qc6 16.Nd4 Nxd3 17.Nxc6 Nxc6-+)* 16.Bxd4 Qc6-+ Donatti,A (2193)-Kislov,O (2249) chess.com INT 2020]

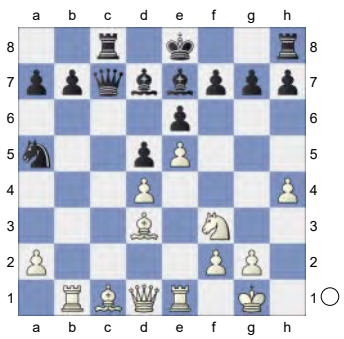
10...dxc3

[10...Nf5!?]

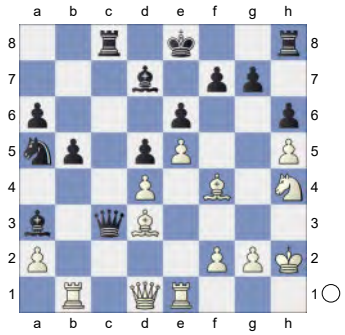
(Diagram)



11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 -0.22/23
[13.Ba3! Qxc3 *(13...Nec6 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.c4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Ne7 17.Bd3 Bc6 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Bxe4 Nec6 20.Qd3 h6 21.Qc3 Ne7 22.Qe3 Nec6 23.Rec1 Qe7 24.Rc5 Rd8 25.Rbc1 g6 26.Qc3 Qc7 27.h5 g5 28.Nh2* 0-1 (62) Schwarz,M (2430)-Modern Ibd7 (2387) Baku FIDE GP 2008 (5) *)* 14.Nb3∞]
[13.Ba3!± 0.60/22]
13...Nec6? 0.72/21
[13...Nxb3]
[13...Nxb3= -0.22/23 14.Qxb3 Qxc3]
14.Nbd4N -0.25/22
[14.Nxa5! Nxa5 15.Ng5!+- h6 16.Qh5 Tactical Exercises-Jones,G]
[14.Nxa5± 0.72/21 Qxa5 *(14...Nxa5 15.Ng5±)* 15.Rxb7]
14...Nxd4= 15.cxd4 Strongly threatening Nf3-g5. **15...Be7** 1.21/20
[15...h6!]
[15...h6!∓ -0.31/22]



16.Bg5? -0.32/25
[16.Ng5! Qd1-h5 is the strong threat. Bxg5 1.15/20 *(16...Qc3± 0.69/20)* 17.Bxg5±]
[White must play 16.Ng5!± 1.21/20]
16...Ba3!? 0.79/20
[16...Qd8 17.Bd2!? h6! Inhibits Nf3-g5.]
[16...Qd8∓ -0.32/25 keeps the upper hand.]
17.h5 -0.14/19 White is more active.
[17.Bxh7! Rxh7 1.75/19 *(17...Nc4 18.Bd3; 17...Nc4± 0.70/24 18.Bd3 b5)* 18.Qd3]
[17.Bxh7!± 0.79/20 b5 *(17...Rxh7 18.Qd3±)* 18.Qe2]
17...h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 -0.38/22
[19.Nd2]
[19.Nd2= 0.00/24]
19...b5 20.Nh4
[20.Ng1! Qc3
A) 21.Bxb5!? Bxb5 *(21...axb5 22.Re3±)* 22.Re3∓;
B) 21.Ne2]
20...Qc3!



21.Bf1 -1.16/24
[21.Bxb5!∓ -0.41/20 Bxb5 *(21...axb5 22.Re3=)* 22.Re3]
21...Qc2?! -0.24/21
[21...Be7!]
[21...Be7∓ -1.16/24 22.Rc1 Qb4 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8]
22.Qg4 Kf8 0.57/24
[22...Bf8∞]

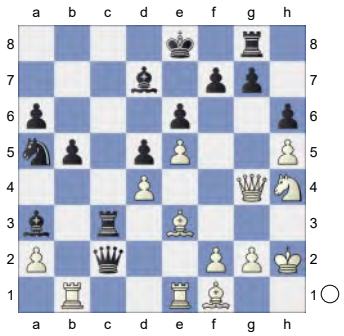
[22...Qxa2? 23.Qxg7 Rf8 24.Ra1+- *(24.Bxh6 Qxf2 25.Bg5 Rc3+-)*]
[22...Qxf2? 23.Rbd1+- *(23.Qxg7? Qxh4+ 24.Kg1 Qxf4-+)*]
[22...Bf8= -0.04/22]

23.Qf3?! -0.99/21
[23.Rbd1!]
[23.Rbd1!± 0.57/24 stays ahead.]

23...Rc3∓
[23...Qxa2? 24.Ra1 Qb2 25.Rxa3+- *(25.Qxa3+ Qxa3 26.Rxa3 Nc4+-)*]

24.Be3 Black must now prevent Nh4-g6+. **24...Ke8** -0.40/23
[24...Qxa2 25.Ra1 *(25.Ng6+ Kg8+-)* 25...Qc2 26.Ng6+ Kg8 27.Re2+- *(27.Nxh8 Be8±)*]
[24...Kg8!∓ -0.95/24 25.Qf4 Nc4 *(25...Qxa2 26.Ra1=)* 26.Bxc4 Rxc4 *(26...dxc4 27.Qf3=)*]

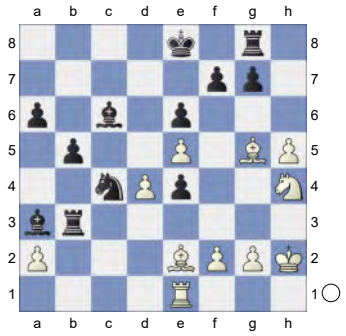
25.Qg4∓ Hoping for Re1-c1! **25...Rg8** 0.00/22
[25...Qxa2 26.Qxg7 Rf8 27.Ra1+- *(27.Qxh6 Qc2+-; 27.Bxh6 Qxf2 28.Qg4 f5=)*]
[25...Nc4!∓ -0.39/23 26.Bxc4 *(26.Qxg7 Qh7±)* 26...Rxc4 27.Qxg7 Qh7 28.Qxh7 Rxh7]



26.Be2 -0.71/24
[26.Bxh6]
[26.Bxh6= 0.00/22 keeps the balance. Nc6 27.Rbd1 *(27.Bxg7? Qh7-+)*]

26...Nc4↑ Black is on the roll.
[26...Qxa2?! 27.Ra1 *(27.Bxh6 Nb3∓)* 27...Qc2 28.Bxh6=]

27.Bxh6 Qe4 28.Qxe4 dxe4 29.Bg5 Bc6 30.Rb3 Rxb3



31.axb3 Na5 32.Bd1 -1.62/23
[32.Rb1∓ -0.76/24 Bb4 33.g3]

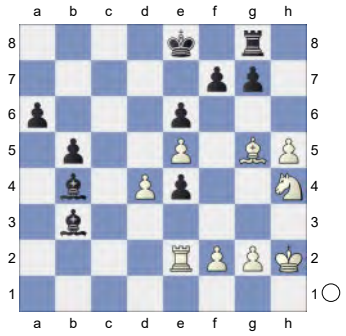
32...Bd5-+ 33.Bc2 -2.92/22
[⌓33.f3 -1.66/24]

33...Bb4 Black is winning now, but from here on out, I'll just point out a few of the blunders and missed wins by both sides. I find these games that are settled purely by the clock depressing.
[33...Nxb3!-+]
[33...Bxb3 34.Bxe4 Kd7 35.f4=]

34.Re2 -3.21/22
[34.Rb1 -2.14/21 keeps fighting.]

34...Nxb3? -1.20/22
[34...Bc3-+ -3.21/22 has better winning chances. 35.Bxe4 Bxe4 *(35...Bxb3 36.f4∓; 35...Nxb3 36.Bxd5 exd5 37.e6=)* 36.Rxe4 Nxb3]

35.Bxb3∓ Bxb3



36.Rb2 Bc3!

[36...f6? 37.Be3± (37.Bxf6 gxf6 38.Rxb3 Be1-+)]

37.Rxb3 Bxd4 0.86/21

[37...b4! wins, with the idea ...a5-a4]

[37...b4!∓ -1.20/24 And now ...a6-a5! would win. 38.Rb1 a5]

38.Bf4? -0.28/24

[38.f3! Bxe5+ 39.Kh3±]

[White should try 38.Ra3± 0.86/21]

38...Bxf2= 39.g3 -0.84/25

[39.Kh3∓ -0.43/23]

39...f6? 3.71/23

[39...Kd7∓]

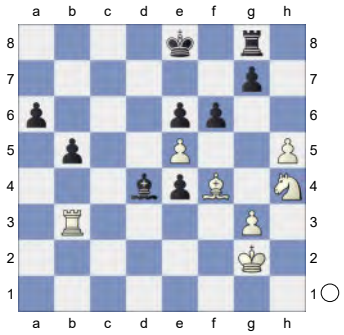
[39...Kd7∓ -0.84/25]

40.Kg2? 0.90/21

[or 40.Rc3!+-]

[40.Rc3+- 3.71/23 is more deadly. Kd8 41.Ng6]

40...Bd4±

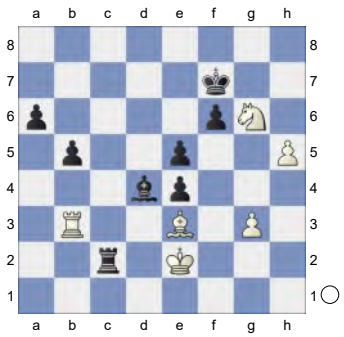


41.Ng6 0.31/20

[41.exf6!]

[41.exf6± 1.21/23 gxf6 42.Rb4]

41...Kf7± 42.exf6 gxf6 43.Be3 e5 44.Kf2 Rc8 45.Ke2 Rc2+



46.Kf1? -3.22/25

[46.Kd1∞]

[46.Kd1= 0.00/25 Rh2 47.Nh4]

46...Rh2? -0.04/21

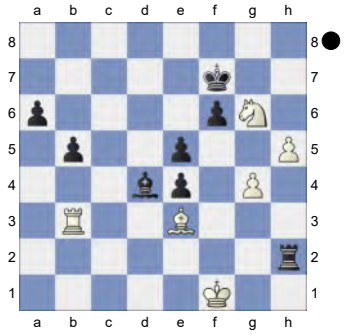
[46...Bxe3! 47.Rxe3 b4-+]

[46...Bxe3!-+ -3.22/25 47.Rxe3 b4]

47.g4? -4.30/24

[47.Nh4!]

[47.Nh4!= -0.04/21]



47...f5? -0.03/28 **48.gxf5?** -1.95/23

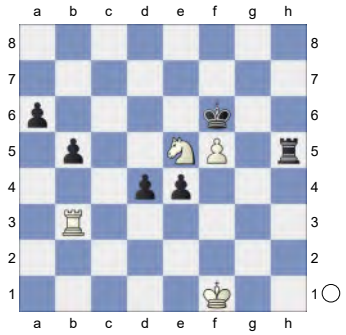
[48.Bxd4! exd4 49.Kg1!]

[48.Bxd4= -0.03/28 and White is okay. exd4 49.Kg1]

48...Rxh5-+ 49.Bxd4? -4.70/26

[49.Kg2 -2.01/22]

49...exd4= Endgame. KRN-KR **50.Ne5+ Kf6**



51.Nc6 Rxf5+ -2.66/23

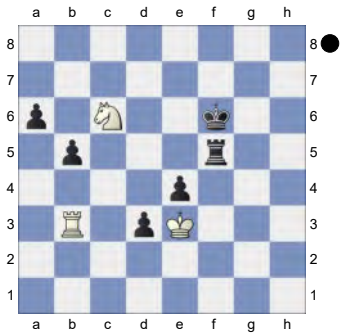
[51...d3!]

[51...Kxf5 52.Nxd4+ Ke5 53.Nc2=]

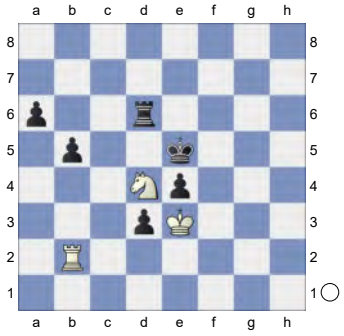
[⌓51...d3 -5.80/22 52.Ke1 Kxf5 53.Nd4+ Kf4]

52.Ke2 d3+ 53.Ke3

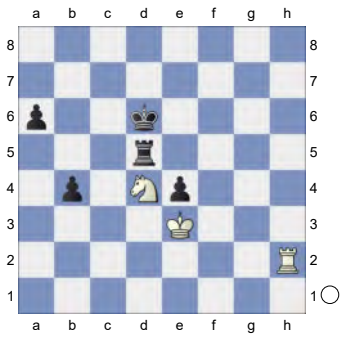
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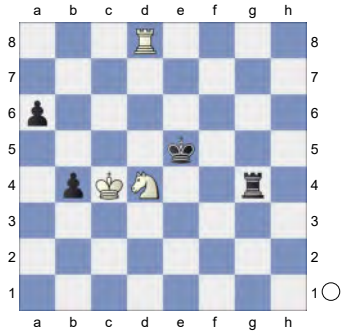
Rd5? -0.01/23
[53...Rf1!]
[53...Rf1!-+ -4.42/20 54.Nb4 Kf5]
54.Rb2 Rd6 55.Nd4 Ke5



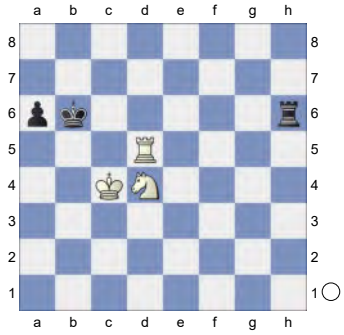
56.Rh2! d2
[56...Rxd4? too greedy. 57.Rh5+ Ke6 58.Kxd4+-]
57.Rxd2
[57.Rh5+ is interesting. Kf6 58.Rh1 Rd7 59.Rd1]
57...Rd5 58.Nc6+ Ke6 59.Nd4+ Kd6 60.Rh2 b4
[60...Kc5]



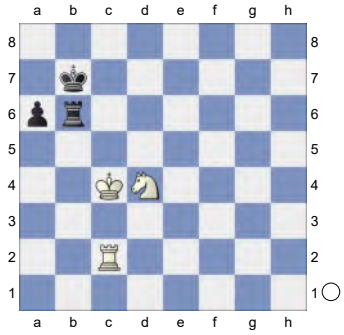
61.Kxe4 Re5+ 62.Kd3 Rg5 63.Rh8 Kd5? 7.58/27
[63...Rg3+= 0.00/21 64.Kc4 Rg1 *(64...Rc3+? 65.Kxb4 Rc7 66.Rh5+-)*]
64.Rd8++- Ke5 65.Kc4? 0.00/23
[65.Nf3++- 7.25/23 Kf6 66.Nxg5 Kxg5 67.Ke4 *(67.Ra8 Kf5 68.Rxa6 Kf4 69.Rb6 Kf5 70.Rxb4 Ke5 71.Rb5+ Ke6)* 67...a5 68.Rd5+ Kf6 69.Rxa5 Ke7 70.Kd5]
65...Rg4



66.Re8+ Kd6 67.Rd8+ Kc7 68.Rd5 Kb6 69.Kxb4 Rg6 70.Kc4 Rh6

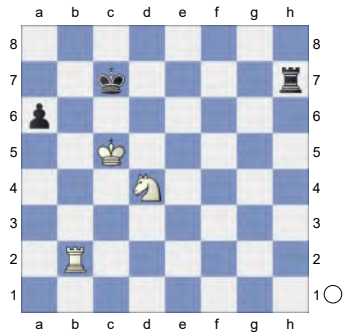


71.Rg5 Rd6 72.Rg1 Rh6 73.Rb1+ Kc7 74.Rc1 Kb7 75.Rc2 Rb6

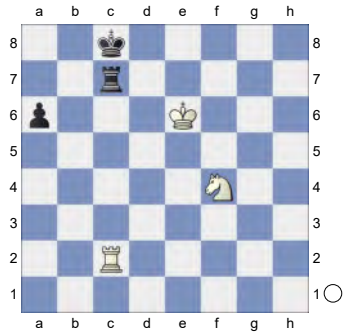


76.Rg2 Rf6 77.Kc5
[77.Kb3!?]
77...Rf7 78.Rb2+ Kc7 79.Kd5 Rd7+

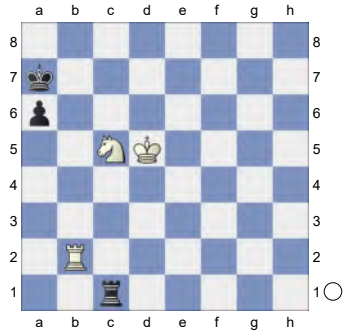
80.Kc5 Rh7



81.Ne6+ Kc8 82.Nf4 Rc7+ 83.Kd6 Rd7+ 84.Ke6 Rb7 85.Rc2+ Rc7



86.Rh2 Rc6+ 87.Kd5 Rc1 88.Ne6 Kb7 89.Nc5+ Kb6 90.Rb2+ Ka7



91.Rb7+ Ka8 92.Rh7 Rg1 93.Kc6 Rg6+ 94.Kc7 Intending Nc5-d7 and mate. **94...a5??** #31/25

[94...Ka7!=]

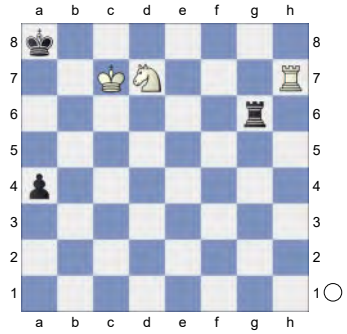
[94...Ka7= 0.01/27]

95.Nd7 8.20/22

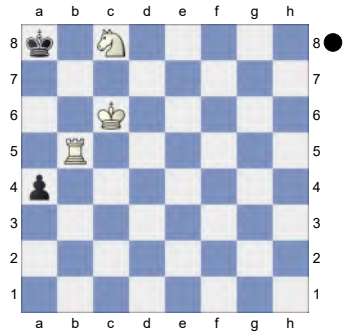
[⌓95.Rh5 #31/25 Ka7 96.Nd7 Re6 97.Rxa5+ Ra6 98.Rb5 Rh6 99.Re5 Rg6 100.Rh5]

95...a4

(Diagram)



96.Rh5 White mates. **96...Ra6 97.Nb6+ Ka7 98.Nc8+ Ka8 99.Rb5 Rc6+ 100.Kxc6**



What a fight!

Weighted Error Value: White=0.71/ Black=0.72

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■ **Galchenko,Matvey** **2438**

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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3

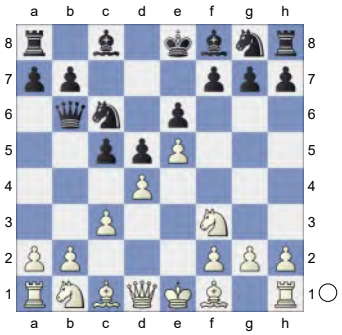
[4.b4 c4 5.c3 a5 6.b5 Nd7 7.d3 cxd3 8.Bxd3 f6 9.exf6 Ngxf6 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nbd2 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 a4 15.Rab1 Gambiteer-French Defence Player Wing Gambit (ALL) 2023 (4)]

4...Nc6 5.d4N

[5.Na3 Nh6 6.Nc2 f6 *(6...Be7 7.d4 Nf5 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bd3 g6 12.Re1 f6 13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.Qd2 Rae8 16.Rab1 Qd8 17.Rbd1 Rf7 18.Ncd4 Bb6 19.exf6 Qxf6 20.Ne5 Rg7 21.Re3* 1-0 (38) 8.♗d3 ♗d6 9.0-0 0-0 (2483)-Cowper (2218) Kaschau 1893 (2.2) *)* 7.exf6 Qxf6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Bg5 Qg6 10.Ncxd4 Bd6 11.Bh4 0-0 12.Bg3 Bxg3 13.hxg3 e5 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.Qe2 Qf6 17.f4 Bg4 18.Qe3 Nf5 19.Qf2 Rab8 1-0 (32) Cicak,S (2569)-Mertens,M (2217) Luxembourg-chT 1112 2011 (3)]

[5.Bb5 Nge7 6.0-0 Qb6 7.Ba4 Bd7 8.Re1 c4 9.b3 Qa6 10.Na3 Ng6 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.d3 cxd3 13.Qxd3 Qa5 14.Qd1 a6 15.b4 Qd8 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bc2 Qf6 19.Bd2 e5 0-1 (59) Cicak,S (2480)-Hansen,C (2595) VISA GP Reykjavik 1998 (4) 20.Be3 e4 21.Nd4 Nce5 22.Ne2 Be6 23.Bd4 Qg5 24.Ng3 f5 25.Bb3 Nd3 26.Re3 Nxf2 27.Qh5 Qd8 28.Kxf2 f4 29.Rxe4 fxg3+ 30.Kg1 Rf5 31.Qe2 gxh2+ 32.Kh1 Bf7 33.Rg4 Qxd6 34.Bc2 Rh5 ½-½ (59) Zilch,L (2530)-Kariakina,M (2467) 98/(200) Great Britain 2005 (2.1)]

5...Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie.

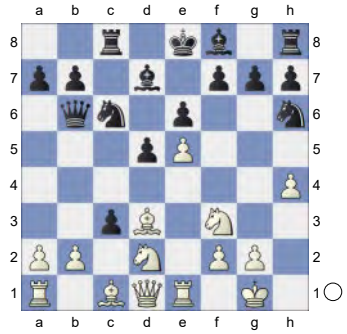
7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.h4 -0.73/19

[9.Nbd2= 0.09/19 remains equal.]

9...Nh6∓ 10.Nbd2 -2.07/20

[10.Ng5∓ -0.79/20]

10...dxc3-+



11.bxc3 Ng4 12.Re2 Bc5 -0.94/19

[12...Qc7!-+ -2.26/20 13.Bb5 Ncxe5 Discovered Attack 14.Bxd7+ Nxd7]

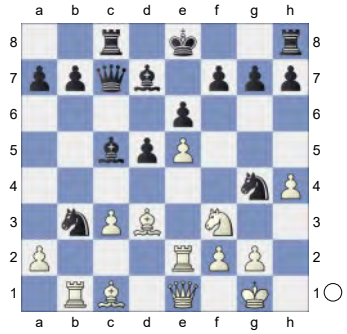
13.Qe1∓ Na5 14.Rb1 Dodges Bd7-b5

14...Qc7 15.Nb3N

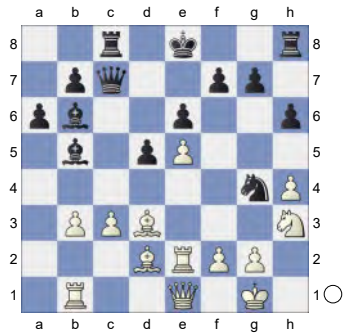
[Vorgänger: 15.Nf1 -1.31/23 15.Nd2-b3 -0.76 Nc4 0.09/18 *(15...Bb6∓ -1.31/23 16.Qd1 h6)* 16.Bf4 -1.08/20 *(16.Bxc4= 0.09/18 dxc4 17.Nd4)* 16...h5 -0.15/18 *(16...Na3∓ -1.08/20 17.Rbb2 Bb6)* 17.Bg3? -1.72/19 *(17.Bxc4= -0.15/18 dxc4 18.Ng3)* 17...Bb6 -0.66/19 *(17...Na3-+ -1.72/19 18.Rc1 Bb5 19.Bxb5+ Nxb5)* 18.Nd4 Ba5 19.Rc1 a6 20.Nh2 Na3 0.51/23 *(20...Qb6∓ -0.88/21 21.Nb3 Bb5 22.Nxa5 Nxa5)* 21.Nxg4± hxg4 1-0 Maksimenko,V (2148)-Galchenko,M (2438) Titled Tuesday intern op 13th Feb Early blitz 2024 (5)]

15...Nxb3

(Diagram)

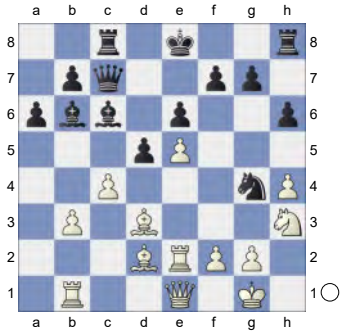


16.axb3 Bb6 17.Bd2 a6 -0.30/20
[17...0-0∓ -0.78/19 Hoping for ...f7-f6. 18.c4 dxc4 19.bxc4 Bc5]
18.Ng5? -3.13/20
[18.Rc1= -0.30/20 and White has nothing to worry.]
18...h6? -1.12/20
[18...f6!-+ -3.13/20 and Black stays clearly on top. 19.Nxh7 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Qxe5 21.Bg6+ Ke7 22.Qxe5 fxe5]
19.Nh3 -2.00/18
[19.Nf3∓ -1.12/20]
19...Bb5? 0.48/21
[Black should play 19...0-0-+ -2.00/18 White must now prevent ...f7-f6. 20.Kh1 f6]

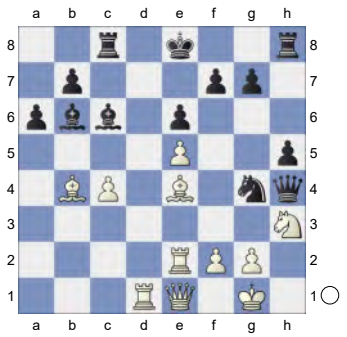


20.c4!± Bc6
[20...dxc4 21.bxc4]

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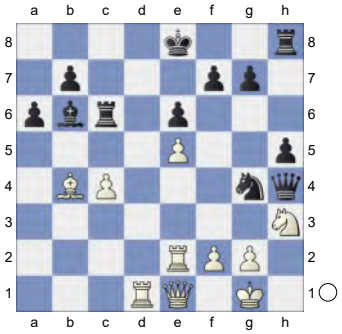


21.Bb4! aiming for Bb4-d6. **21...dxc4**
22.bxc4 Qd8 0.90/19
[22...Rd8± 0.52/20 23.c5 *(23.Bd6? Rxd6 24.exd6 Qxd6-+)* 23...Rxd3 24.cxb6 Qd8 *(24...Qxb6 25.Nf4±)*]
23.Rd1? -1.60/20
[23.Bd6± 0.90/19 stays on course.]
23...Qxh4∓ 24.Be4 -3.12/22
[⌓24.c5 -1.72/21 Bc7 25.Bc3]
24...h5? 1.04/23
[24...Nxe5? perishes. 25.Bxc6+ Rxc6 *(25...Nxc6? 26.Rxe6+ fxe6 27.Qxe6+ Ne7 28.Bxe7+-)* 26.Rxe5+-]
[Black should try 24...Qg3-+ -3.12/22 (-> ...Qg3-h2+) 25.Bxc6+ Rxc6]

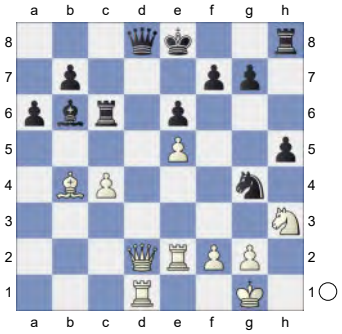


25.Bxc6+!± Rxc6

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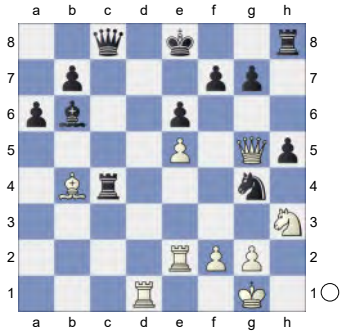


26.Qd2 Some like it hot **26...Qd8** Prevents Qd2-d7+. Threatens to win with ...Qd8xd2.
[Weaker is 26...Rxc4 27.Qd7#]
27.Qc2 -0.34/21
[27.Qc1!± 0.68/22 Qh4 28.Qf4]
27...Qc8∓ 28.Qd2 -1.88/20
[28.Qa4∓ -0.38/20]
28...Qd8? 0.76/20
[28...Rxc4-+ -1.88/20 Strongly threatening ...Bb6-c5. 29.Ba3 Bc5 30.Bxc5 Rxc5]

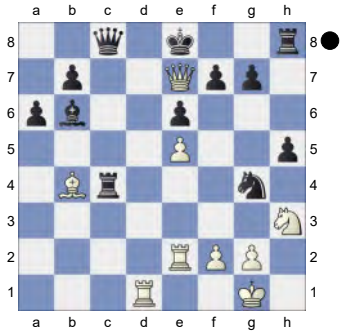


29.Qc1!± Qc8 5.34/23
[29...Qh4± 0.74/21 30.Qd2 Qd8 *(30...Rxc4 31.Qd7#)*]
30.Qg5+- Rxc4

(Diagram)



31.Qe7#

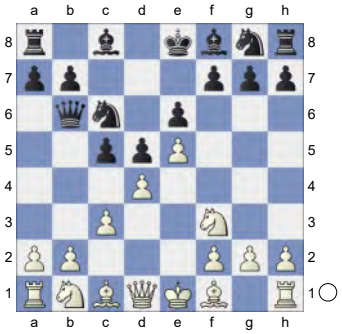


White used his chance.
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108 **C02**
□ **Naroditsky,D** **2619**
■ **Vaganian,R** **2449**
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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 h5 0.66/20

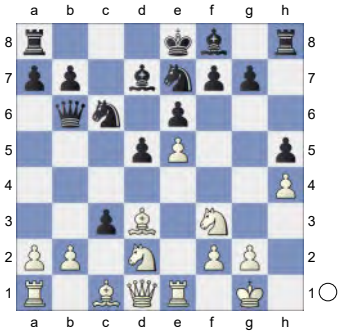
[9...Rc8= 0.13/19]

[9...a6 10.h5 g6 11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 Ne7 24.f5 1-0 (39) Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (9)]

10.Nbd2

[10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Nbd2 Nec6 12.a3 a5 13.Rb1 Bc5 14.Nxd4 Bxd4 15.Qe2 Nxe5 16.Bc2 Bb5 0-1 Przybylski,B (2090)-Masruri,R (2327) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (2)]

10...dxc3

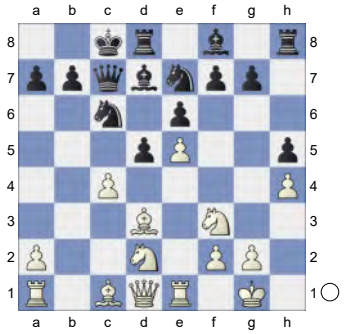


11.bxc3 Qc7N

[11...g6 12.Nb3 Nf5 13.a4 Na5 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Bd2 a6 17.Rb1 Qc7 18.Nf3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Rxb7 Bc6 21.Rb4 Bxb4 22.cxb4 d4 23.Bg5 d3 24.Bf6 Rg8 25.b5 Bd5 26.Re3 0-1 (57) Kamalidenova,M (2373)-Zhukov,A (2194) Cheliabinsk Lozovatsky Memorial-A 2023 (4) axb5 27.axb5 Qc1 28.Rxd3 Rc5 29.Ng5 Qf4 30.Rd4 Rc1 31.Rxf4 Rxd1+ 32.Kh2 Rd2 33.Ra4 Ra2 34.Rf4 Rc2 35.Ne4 Bxe4 36.Rxe4 Kd7 37.Rd4+ Kc7 38.Rf4 Kb6 39.Be7 Ra8 40.Rxf7 Rc7 41.Rg7 0-1 (57) lf1 (2373)-miss_hudson vs. komodo54 (2194) corr 1898 (4)]

12.c4 0-0-0 1.29/19

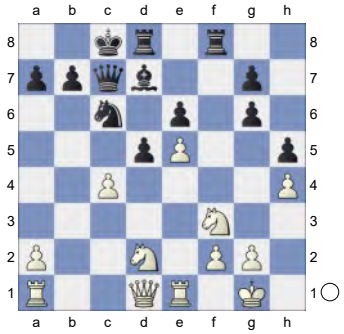
[12...Nb4± 0.68/17 13.Bf1 Rd8]



13.Ba3!± Hoping for Ba3-d6. **13...Ng6 14.Bxf8 Rhxf8** 1.65/24

[14...Nxf8± 1.23/22 15.Rb1 Be8]

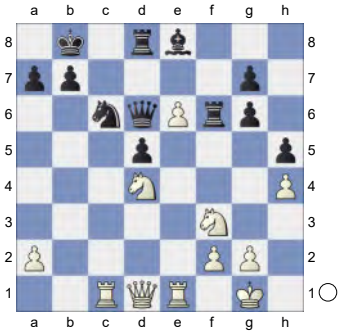
15.Bxg6 fxg6



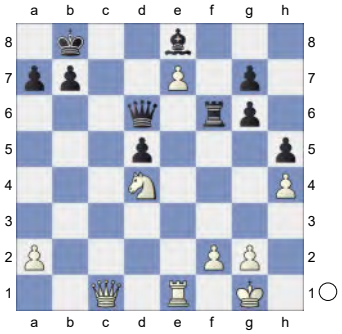
16.cxd5 exd5 17.e6 Be8 18.Rc1 e6-e7 is the strong threat. **18...Rf6** 2.17/21

[18...Rf4± 1.47/18 was called for. 19.g3 Rg4]

19.Nb3+- Kb8 20.Nbd4 Qd6

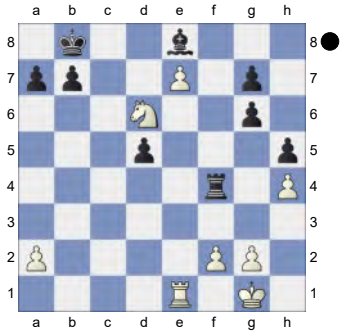


21.Nxc6+ Bxc6 2.32/21
[21...bxc6± 1.26/21 22.Ng5 Ka8]
22.Nd4 Rc8 2.44/20
[⌓22...Qf4 1.72/20]
23.e7? 0.78/19
[23.Qd2+- 2.44/20 is more deadly.]
23...Be8 1.55/22
[⌓23...Re8 0.78/19]
24.Rxc8+± Kxc8 25.Qc1+ Kb8
[25...Kd7? 26.Qc3+-]



26.Nb5? -2.05/26 White is much more active. **26...Qf4??** 3.24/20
[Worse is 26...Bxb5 27.e8Q+ *(27.e8R+ Bxe8 28.Rxe8+ Qd8 29.Rxd8#)* 27...Bxe8 28.Rxe8+]
[26...Qb6-+ -2.05/26 27.Qb2 Qxb5 *(27...Bxb5 28.e8Q+ Bxe8 29.Rxe8+ Kc7 30.Qc3+ Kd6 31.Qe5+ Kd7 32.Re7+ Kc8 33.Re8+ Kd7 34.Re7+ Kc8 35.Qe1=)* 28.Qe5+ Kc8]
27.Qxf4++- Deflection **27...Rxf4 28.Nd6**

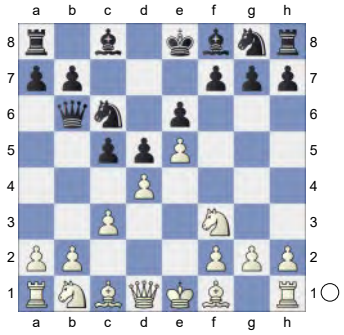
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109 **C02**
□ **Suleymenov,Alisher** **2484**
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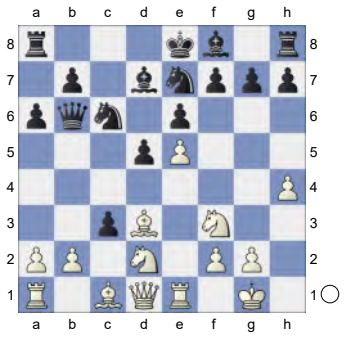
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.Nbd2**
[10.h5 h6 11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.c4 Nb4 14.Bf1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Ned5 16.Bb2 Bc5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qc5 22.a3 Nc6 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 Carlsen,M (2853)-Terry,R (2520)

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10...dxc3



11.bxc3 Qc7N

[11...g6 12.c4 Bg7 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Ba3 0-0 15.Bd6 Qc8 16.Qb3 Re8 17.Qxb7 Na5 18.Qb4 Nec6 19.Qa3 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Nxc4 22.Nxc4 Qxc4 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ne5 Qa4 25.Qf3 Rf8 26.h5 Huber,B (2272)-Woithe,D (2106) Nordhausen 2023 1-0]

[11...Ng6 12.Nb3 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qc4 e5 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Rb2 Bd3 20.Qa4 f5 21.Nc5 Bb5 22.Qb3 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Na5 24.Qe6+ Bd7 25.Qxe5 Nc4 26.Qxc7+ Gabrielian,A (2452)-Shuvalov,E (2118) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (36) Kxc7 27.Rbe2 Rhe8 28.Be7 Rc8 29.Nd4 b5 30.f3 Kb7 31.Kf2 Nb6 32.Nb3 Nd5 33.Bb4 Rxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Nxc3 35.Re7 Nd5 36.Rxd7+ 1-0 (36) Benhadi,A (2452)-Statter (2118) Elista 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson]]

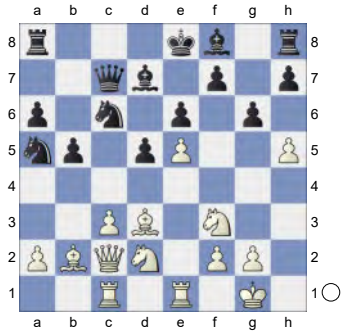
12.h5 Against Ng6 **12...Na5 13.Bb2 Nec6 14.Rc1** -0.61/20

[14.Qe2= -0.05/17]

14...b5!∓ 15.Qc2 g6 -0.53/16

[15...h6∓ -0.84/17 16.Nb3 Nc4]

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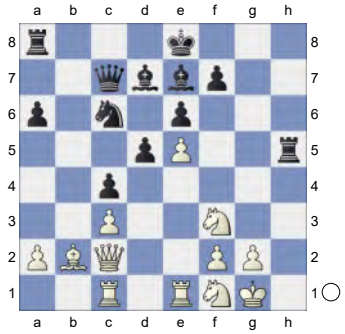


16.hxg6 hxg6 17.Bxg6 Be7

Prevents Ng5.

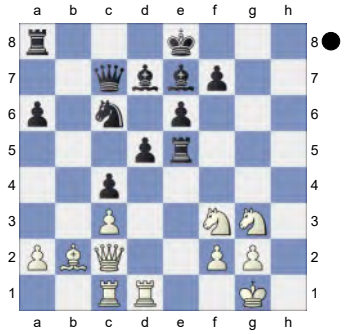
[17...fxg6? 18.Qxg6+ Kd8 19.Qf6+ Kc8 20.Qxh8+-]

18.Bd3 Rh5 19.Nf1 Nc4 20.Bxc4 bxc4



21.Ng3 Rxe5 22.Red1 -1.21/21

[White should play 22.Nxe5∓ -0.49/19 Nxe5 23.Rcd1 *(23.Qh7 0-0-0∓)*]

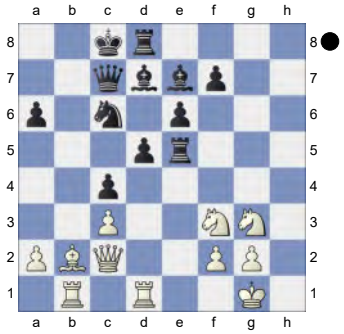


22...0-0-0 -0.73/19

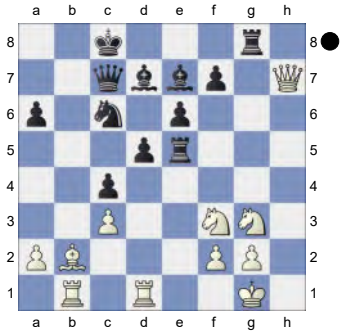
[⌓22...Re3! -1.21/21 23.fxe3 *(23.Rb1 Rxf3)* 23...Qxg3]

23.Rb1∓

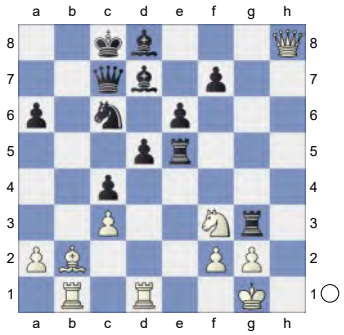
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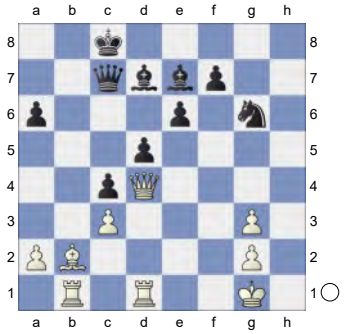
Rg8 -0.16/20
[23...Re3!∓ -0.93/20 Threatens to win with ...Rxf3! 24.Bc1 Rxf3! 25.gxf3 Ne5]
24.Qh7!=



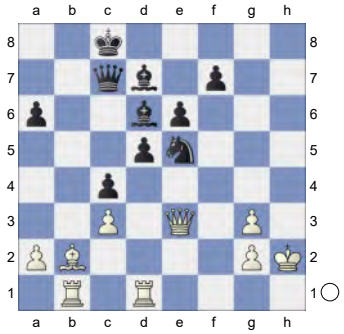
Rxg3 0.01/20 **25.Qh8+ Bd8**



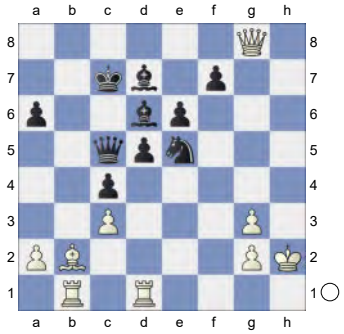
26.Nxe5 Nxe5 27.fxg3 Strongly threatening Bc1. Chess con chili.
27...Ng6 1.44/18
[27...Ba4!± 0.40/19]
28.Qd4 0.12/19
[28.Qg8!± 1.44/18]
28...Be7 0.71/20
[28...Qxg3= 0.12/19 keeps the balance. 29.Qf2 Qxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Ba4]



29.Kh2 0.08/21
[29.Qg4!± 0.71/20]
29...Bd6 30.Qe3 Ne5 0.64/19
[30...Ba4= 0.29/20]

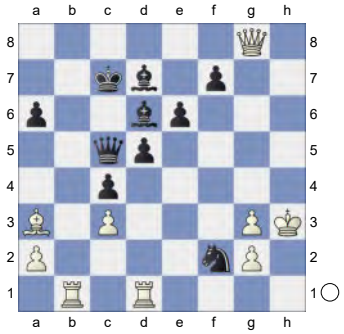


31.Qg5± aiming for Ba3! **31...Qc5** 3.35/21 Inhibits Ba3. Loses the game.
[31...f5!± 0.64/18]
32.Qg8++- Kc7

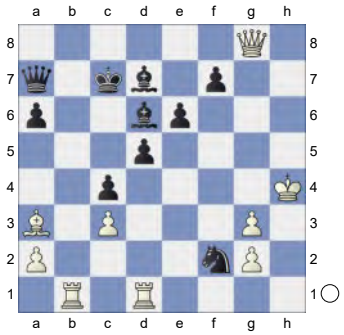


33.Ba3! White wants to mate with Qb8+.
33...Ng4+
[33...Qa7 34.Bxd6+]
34.Kh3 Qb8+ would kill now. **34...Nf2+**

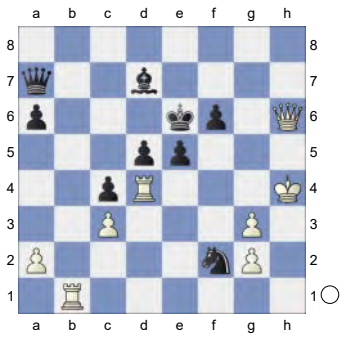
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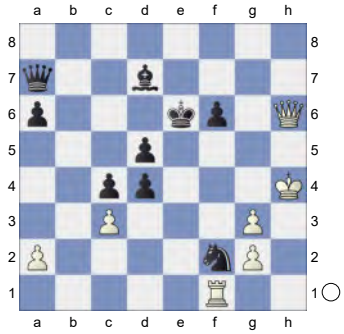
35.Kh4! Intending Qb8+ and mate.
35...Qa7



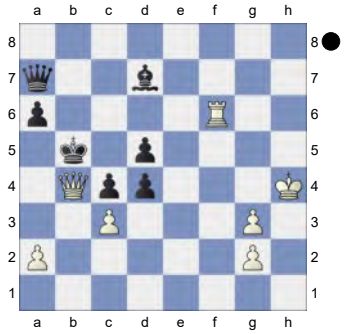
Prevents Qb8+. **36.Bxd6+**
[But not 36.Qxf7? Bxa3 37.Re1 Ne4 38.Rxe4 dxe4 39.Qf4+ Bd6 40.Qxe4 Qf2 41.Qb7+ Kd8 42.Qb6+ Qxb6 43.Rxb6 Be5-+]
36...Kxd6 37.Rd4
[Don't play 37.Qxf7 Nxd1 38.Rxd1 Kc6+-]
37...e5? 4.87/24
[37...Bb5 2.50/20 38.Qd8+ Qd7]
38.Qf8+ Ke6 11.22/23
[⌓38...Kc6 4.05/22]
39.Qh6+ f6



40.Rf1! exd4
[40...Ba4 41.Rxf2]



41.Rxf2 Kd6 42.Rxf6+ Kc5 43.Qf8+ Kb5 44.Qb4#

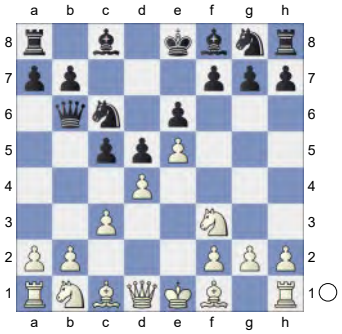


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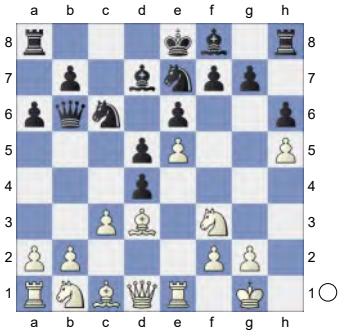
110 **C02**
□ **Adhiban,B.** **2633**
■ **Budisavljevic,Luka** **2509**
I Menorca Open 2022 (6.4) 23.04.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

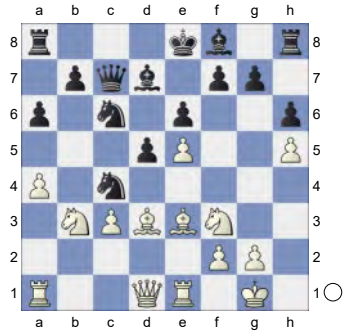
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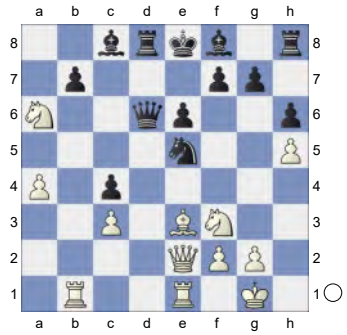
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5 a6**



11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Nc8
[12...Qc7 13.c4 Nb4 14.Bf1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Ned5 16.Bb2 Bc5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qc5 22.a3 Nc6 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.Rc1 Qxd6 26.exd6 Bxb7 27.Qb2 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Terry,R (2520) Titled 3th Jun Early 2023 (11)]
13.Nb3
[13.Rb1!? Qc7 14.Bb2±]
13...Qc7! 14.a4N
[14.Bf4 Na5 15.Nxa5 Qxa5 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Rab1 Rc8 18.Qe2 Na4 19.Bd2 Qc7 20.Qe3 b5 21.Rbc1 Nb2 22.Nd4 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Qc4 24.Qg3 Qxa2 25.Be3 Qc4 26.f4 Qd3 27.f5 Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Qxc3 0-1 (39) Schmidt,M (2113)-Tiglon,B (2509) GRENKE Chess Open 2024 (1.41)]
[14.Qd2 Nb6 15.Qf4 Rc8 16.Rb1 Nd8 17.Be3 Nc4 18.Bd4 Bb5 19.Qg3 Na3 20.Bxb5+ axb5 21.Rbd1 Ra8 22.Rd2 Nc4 23.Rde2 b6 24.Nh4 Rg8 25.f4 Be7 26.Nf3 g6 27.hxg6 fxg6 28.Qh3 h5 ½-½ (65) Petkov,M (2540)-Mendonca,L (2622) ROM-chT Mamaia 2024 (4.1)]
14...Nb6! 15.Be3 -0.58/20
[15.Qe2= 0.04/20]
15...Nc4 0.34/20
[15...Nd8!∓ -0.58/20]



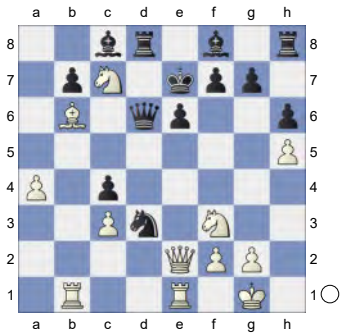
16.Bxc4± dxc4 17.Nc5 Rd8 ...Bd7-c8 is the strong threat. **18.Rb1** -0.42/22
[White should play 18.Ne4= 0.25/23]
18...Bc8!∓ 19.Qe2 Nxe5 20.Nxa6 -1.74/25 **Qd6??** 2.05/21
[20...bxa6-+ -1.74/25 and life is good for Black. 21.Bb6 Nxf3+ 22.Qxf3 Qd7]



21.Bb6+- Nd3 3.39/20

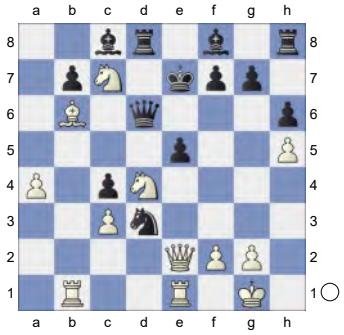
[⌓21...Nxf3+ 2.14/17 22.Qxf3 Rd7 *(22...bxa6 23.Red1±)*]

22.Nc7+ Ke7



23.Nd4! Black must now prevent Nd4-f5+. Excellent horsemanship. **23...e5**

[23...g6 24.hxg6]

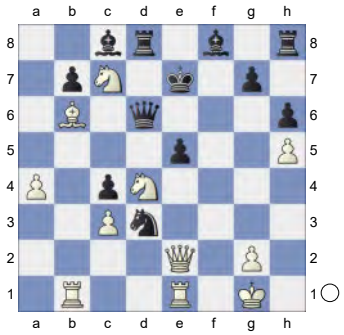


24.f4! White is clearly winning. **24...f6**

[24...Nxe1? is the wrong capture. 25.fxe5 *(25.Qxe1 Qf6+-; 25.Qxe1 Kd7+-)*]

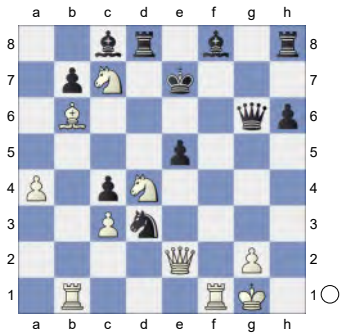
[24...Nxf4 25.Qxc4]

25.fxe5 fxe5



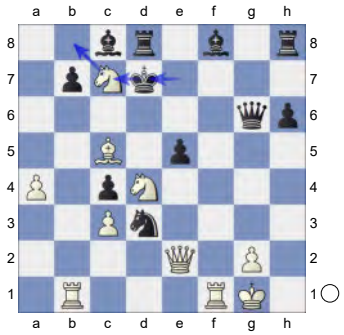
26.Rf1 g6 27.hxg6 Qxg6

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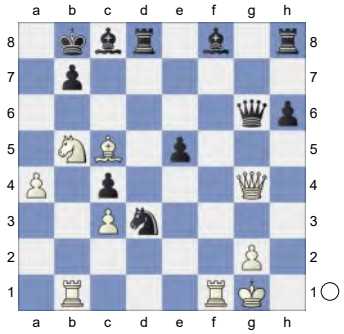


28.Bc5+! Decoy **28...Kd7**

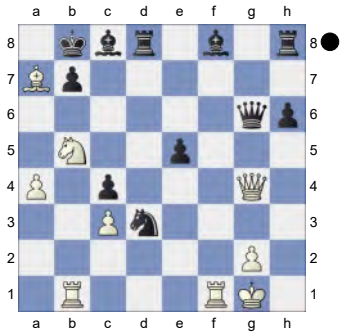
[28...Rd6 29.Bxd6+]



29.Qg4+!! Double Attack **29...Kxc7**
30.Nb5+ Discovered Attack **30...Kb8**



31.Ba7+

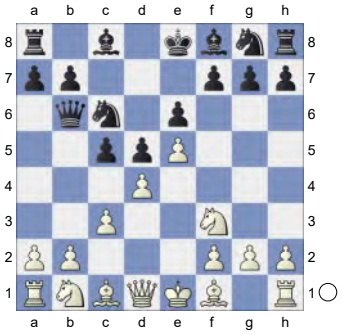


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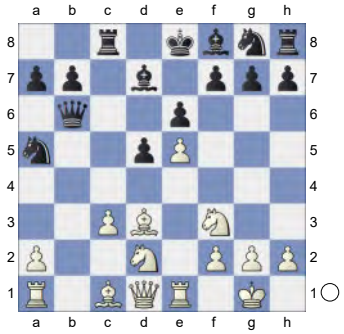
111 **C02**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2647**
■ **Tejedor Fuente,Enrique** **2408**
CAMPEONATO DE ESPAÑA INDIVIDU..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



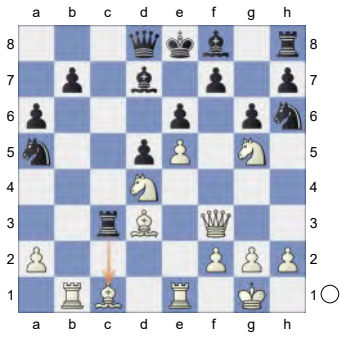
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Na5**
[10...Nge7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qe5 Merario Alarcon, A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024 [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]

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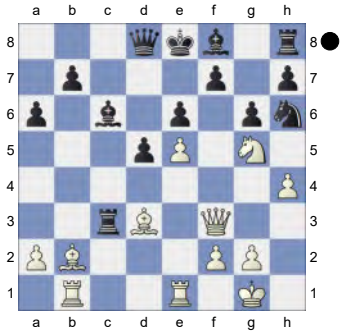


11.Rb1 Qd8N
[11...Qc7 12.c4 *(12.Ng5 g6 13.Qf3 Bc6 14.Qh3 Nh6 15.Ndf3 Bd7 16.Re3 Qxc3 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.Nd4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Bc3 Nf5 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Qh5 d4 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.Rxb7 Rc7 25.Rb8+* 1-0 (25) Klein,D (2068)-6.g4 h6 7. ♗g2 ♘c6 (2106) Jugoslavija (ch) 84/429 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson]*; 12.Qe2 a6 13.h4 h6 14.h5 Bc5 15.Nd4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qg4 Bf8 18.Ba3 Qa5 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Qf4 Rc7 21.c4 Ne7 22.Qe3 b5 23.Nb3 Qa3 24.Qb6 Rb7 25.Qd8+ Be8 26.Qa8 dxc4* Nizamova,R (1755)-Buchholz,M (1858) Hannover 2023 ½-½ (57) *)* 12...dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ng5 *(14.Ne4 Ng6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ng5 Rc5 18.Ne4 Rf5 19.g4 Rd5 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxd5 Ne5 22.Rxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5 Rg8 24.Bxh7 Qh4 25.Bxg8 Qxg4+ 26.Kf1 Qd1+ 27.Kg2 Qg4+ 28.Kf1 Qd1+* Cheparinov,I (2663)-Svane,F (2618) Baku AZE 2023 [John Watson] ½-½ *)* 14...h6 15.Nde4 Nd5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Bxg6 Bxe5 19.Nxf7 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.Nxh8+ Ke7 22.Qxh6 Rg8 23.Bg5 Theory-8...Rc8 and Rare Lines [GM Petar G. Arnaudov]]
12.Nd4 Rxc3 13.N2f3 a6 Prevents

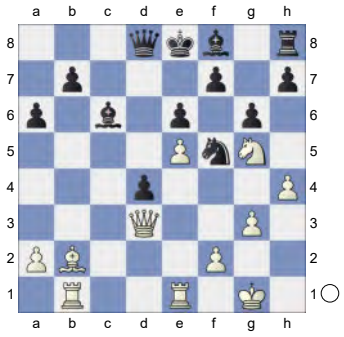
Nb5. **14.Ng5 g6 15.Qf3** -0.18/19
[⌓15.h4 0.14/18]
15...Nh6=



...Rxc1! is the strong threat. **16.h4**
[16.Bd2 Ra3 17.Nh3 Qc7∓]
16...Nc6 17.Nxc6 Bxc6 18.Bb2!

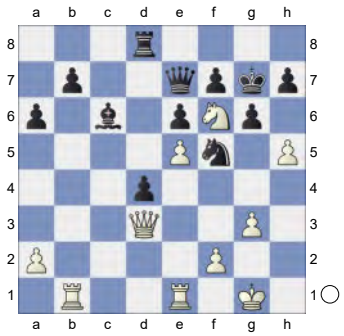


Rxd3 19.Qxd3 Nf5 20.g3 d4

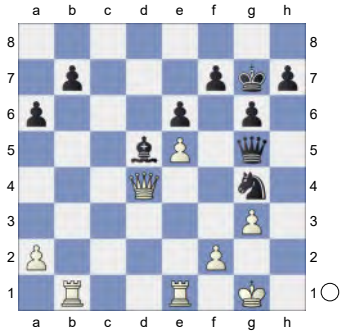


21.Ne4 Threatens to win with Nf6+.
21...Be7 Against Nf6+ **22.Ba3 0-0 23.Bxe7! Qxe7 24.Nf6+ Kg7 25.h5 Rd8**

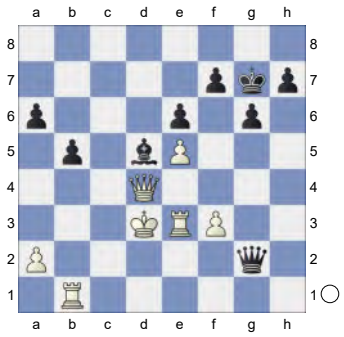
(Diagram)



26.Kh2 -0.96/19
[26.Rb3∓ -0.54/18]
26...Rd5 -0.24/18 **27.h6+! Nxh6**
Strongly threatening ...Rxe5! **28.Nxd5 Ng4+ 29.Kg1 Bxd5 30.Qxd4**
Really sharp! **30...Qg5**

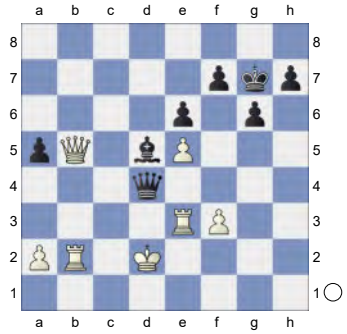


(-> ...Qh5) **31.f3! Ne3** 2.10/22
This costs Black the game. **32.Rxe3+- Qxg3+ 33.Kf1 Qh3+ 34.Ke2 Qg2+ 35.Kd3 b5** 2.59/18
[⌓35...Qxa2 1.79/19 36.Rb2 Qa1]



36.Rb2 Qf1+ 37.Kd2 a5 38.Qd3 Qf2+ 39.Qe2 Qh4 40.Qxb5
[Worse is 40.Rxb5 Bc4 41.Qe1 Qd4+ 42.Kc1 Bxb5∓]

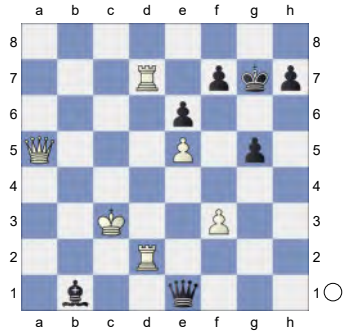
40...Qd4+



41.Rd3 Qf2+ 42.Kc3 Qe1+ 43.Rbd2 Bxa2 44.Qxa5

[Much less strong is 44.Kc2 Bd5 45.Qxa5 Qxe5+-]

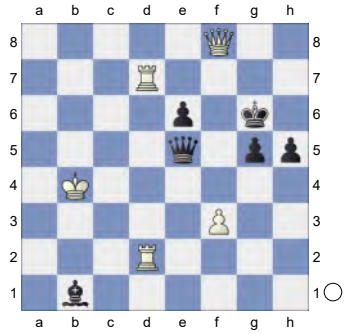
44...Bb1 45.Rd7 g5



46.Qc5 Kg6 5.99/23

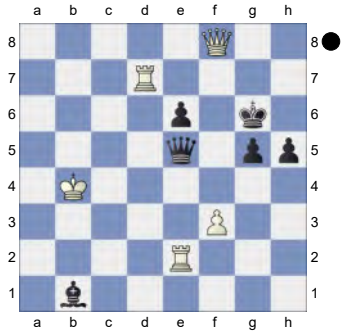
[⌓46...h5 4.16/22 47.Rd8 Kh7]

47.Kb4 h5 48.Qe7 Qxe5 49.Qxf7+ Kh6 50.Qf8+ Kg6



51.Re2!! 17.76/26

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□ **Gonzalez,J A** **2646**

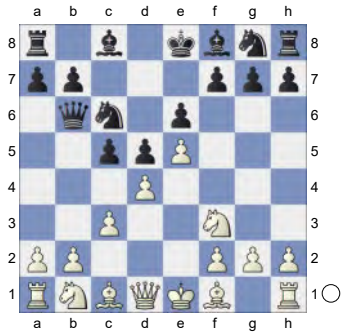
■ **Large,Peter G** **2476**

EU-ch 12th Aix les Bains (9) 27.12.2022

[John Watson]

C02: French: Advance Variation

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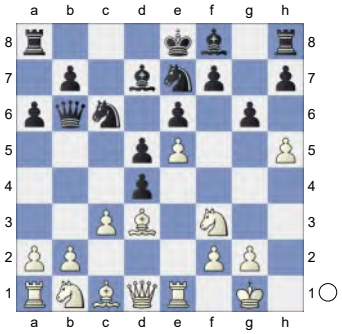


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 White has compensation. **8...Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...a6 10.h5** -0.19/20

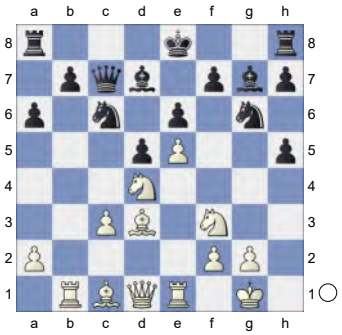
[White should try 10.Nbd2± 0.33/20]

10...g6=

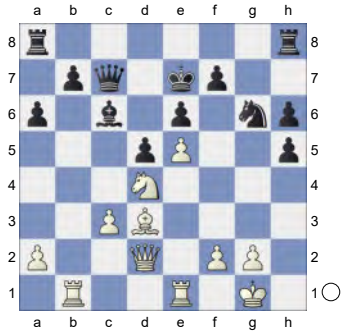
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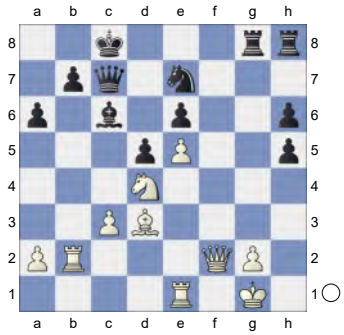
11.Nbd2 gxh5
[11...dxc3 0.73/19 11...g6xh5 -0.15 12.bxc3 gxh5 13.Ng5 Ng6 14.Qxh5 -0.26/22 *(14.Rb1± 1.02/22 Qd8 15.Ndf3)* 14...Ncxe5 0.77/22 *(14...Bc5!= -0.26/22 15.Re2 0-0-0)* 15.Bxg6!± fxg6 16.Qh3 Bg7 17.Rb1! Qc6]
12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7
[15...Ngxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bf4±]



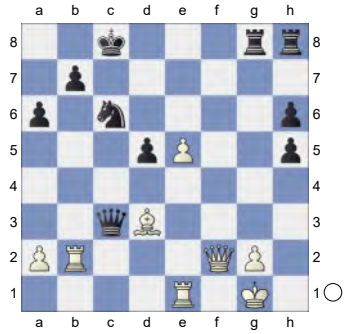
16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3N
[17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Rb3 Ba4 19.Rxb7 Qxb7 20.Qxa4+ Kf8 21.f4 8) Advance of the French-4...Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 #19]
17...Bf8 Wards off Ba3-d6
[17...Bxe5? 18.Bxg6+-]
[17...Nxe5? 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Qxh5+-]
18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 0.55/20
[19...Rg8= 0.00/23]
20.Nd4± aiming for Bd3xg6.
[20.Bxg6?! fxg6 21.Nd4 Re8=]
20...Ke7 1.44/21
[20...Nxe5? 21.Qf4+-]
[20...Re8!± 0.40/19]



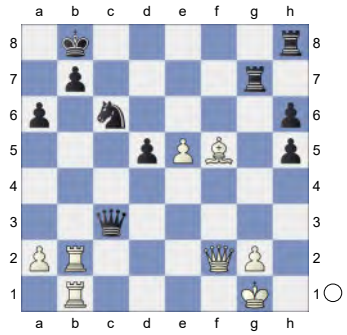
21.f4 White is much more active.
21...Rag8 22.Qf2 Prevents Ng6-h4. Strongly threatening f4-f5. **22...Kd7** 3.13/22
[⌓22...Bd7 1.64/19]
23.Rb2+- Ne7 24.f5 Kc8 25.fxe6 fxe6



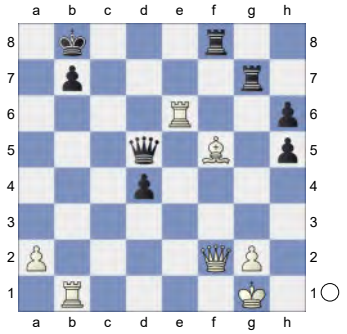
26.Nxe6 Qa5 27.Nd4 1.62/17
[⌓27.Qa7 3.45/21 Qxc3 28.Reb1 *(28.Qa8+? Kd7-+)* 28...Qxe5 *(28...Qxd3 29.Qa8+ Kd7 30.Nc5+ Kc7 31.Rxb7+ Bxb7 32.Qxb7+ Kd8 33.Qd7#)* 29.Re2 *(29.Rxb7 Rxg2+* Decoy *30.Kxg2 Rg8+ 31.Kf1 Qf6+ 32.Ke1 Qc3+ 33.Kf2 Qf6+ 34.Ke1 Qc3+ 35.Kf2 Qf6+ 36.Ke1=)* 29...Rxg2+ Decoy 30.Kxg2 *(30.Rxg2 d4±)* 30...Rg8+ 31.Kf1 Qf6+ 32.Qf2 Qxf2+ 33.Rxf2]
27...Qxc3? 4.04/22
[27...Rg7 1.62/17]
28.Nxc6 Nxc6



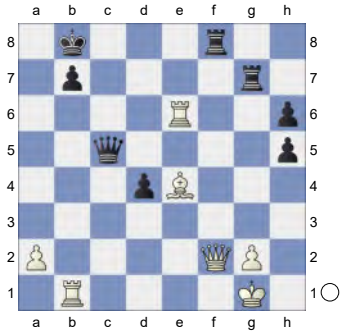
29.Bf5+ 0.04/19
[29.Bxa6!+- 2.67/23 bxa6 30.Rc2 Skewer, Deflection]
29...Kb8= ...Rg8-g7! is the strong threat.
30.Reb1↑ Keeping Black busy. Really sharp! **30...Rg7** 2.98/20
[30...Qxe5 31.Rxb7+ Ka8 32.R7b6+-]
[30...Na5± 1.03/21]



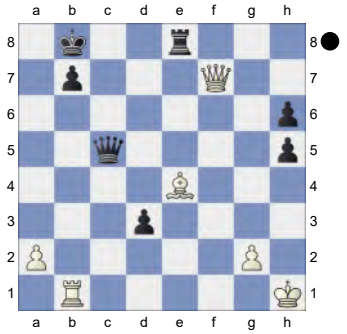
This move loses the game for Black.
31.Rc2+- Qxe5 32.Rxc6 Rf8 33.Rxa6 d4
[33...Rxf5 34.Qa7+ Kc8 35.Qa8+ *(35.Rxh6 Rxg2+* Decoy *36.Kxg2 Qe4+ 37.Kh2 Qh4+ 38.Kg2 Rg5+ 39.Kf1 Qc4+ 40.Kf2 Qf4+ 41.Ke1 Re5+* Discovered Attack*)* 35...Qb8 36.Rc6+ Kd7 37.Qxb8 bxc6 38.Rb7+ Ke6 39.Rxg7]
34.Re6! Qd5
[34...Qxf5? too greedy. 35.Re8+ *(35.Qxd4* gets mated. *Rxg2+* Decoy *36.Kxg2 Rg8+)* 35...Rxe8 36.Qxf5+-]



35.Be4 Discovered Attack **35...Qc5** 5.91/19
[35...Rxf2 3.28/17 36.Bxd5 Rc2]



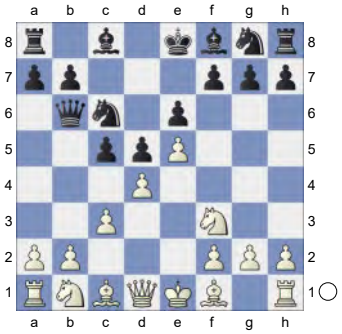
36.Rf6 Re8? 7.05/19
[36...Rxf6 3.93/16 37.Qxf6 Rc7 38.Qd8+ *(38.Qxh6 d3+ 39.Kf1 h4+-)* 38...Ka7]
37.Rf7 Rxf7 38.Qxf7 d3+ 39.Kh1



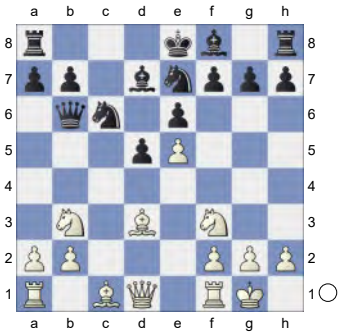
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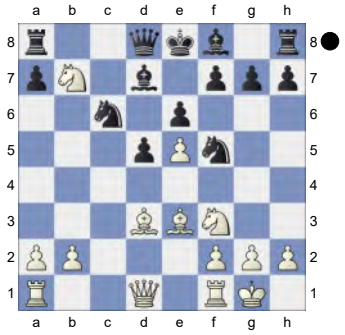
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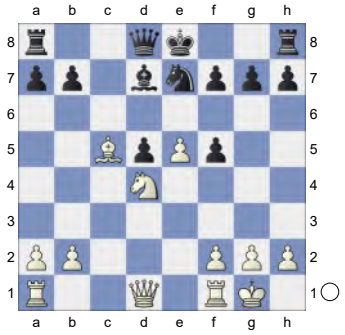
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.Nb3 Nge7



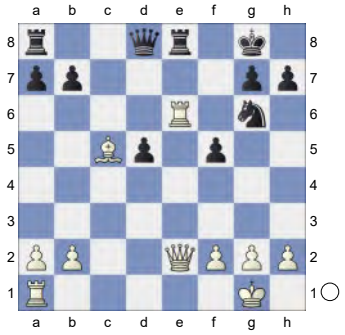
11.Be3 Qd8 The position is equal.
[11...Qc7 12.Rc1 Ng6 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Ngxe5 15.Re1 Rc8 16.Ba3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Ne5 18.Rxc7 Nxd3 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Rd1 Nf4 21.g3 Ng6 22.Rc1 Kd7 23.Ng5 f6 24.Nf7 Rg8 25.Bd6 e5 26.f4 Nun,J (2445)-Schmittdiel,E (2455) Prague 1990 CBM 017 [Knaak,Rainer] 0-1 (39)]
12.Nc5 Nf5N 0.97/20
[12...Qc7= 0.08/17 remains equal.]
[12...b6 13.Nb7 1-0 (13) Kilic,E (2414)-Santos Flores,A (2164) Chess.com INT 2023]
13.Bxf5± Black must now prevent Bc2.
[And not 13.Nxb7



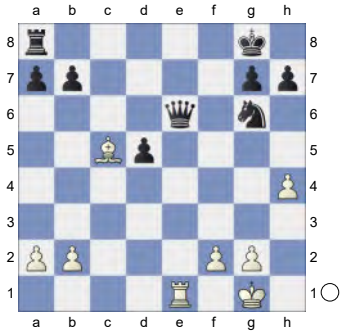
Nxe3! 14.fxe3 Qb6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qxe3+ 17.Rf2 f6∓]
13...Bxc5 14.Bxc5 Hoping for Bd3.
14...exf5 15.Nd4 0.75/21
[⌓15.Rc1 1.11/17]
15...Ne7



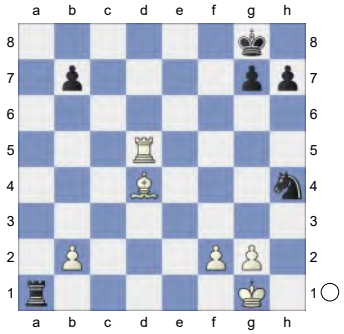
16.Re1 0-0 17.e6 fxe6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Rxe6 Re8 20.Qe2 0.25/22
[20.h3± 0.68/19 is more appropriate.]
20...Ng6!=



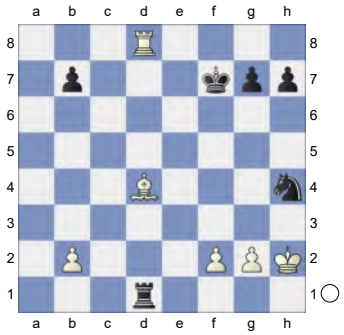
21.Re1 Kf7 22.h4 Qd7 23.Qf3 Rxe6 24.Qxf5+ Kg8 25.Qxe6+ Qxe6
(Diagram)



26.Rxe6 Nxh4 Endgame KRB-KRN **27.Rd6 Rc8 28.Bxa7 Ra8 29.Bd4** 0.41/25
[29.Bc5± 0.80/22]
29...Rxa2± 30.Rxd5 Ra1+

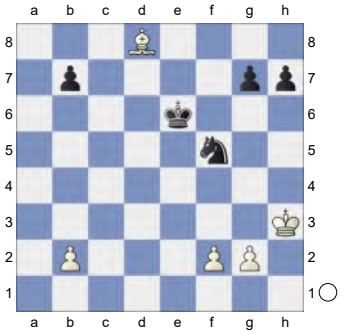


31.Kh2 aiming for Bc3. **31...Rd1 32.Rd8+ Kf7**

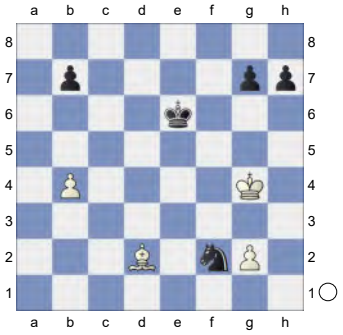


33.Bf6! Rxd8 34.Bxd8= KB-KN **34...Nf5 35.Kh3 Ke6**

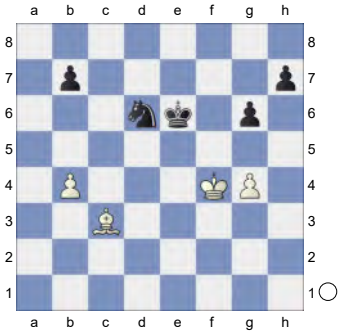
(Diagram)



36.Kg4 Nd6 37.Bc7 Nc4 38.b4 -0.73/23
[38.b3= -0.08/24 Nd2 39.b4]
38...Nb2 -0.01/22
[38...b5∓ -0.73/23]
39.Bf4 -0.72/23
[39.f4= -0.01/22]
39...Nd3∓ 40.Bd2 Nxf2+

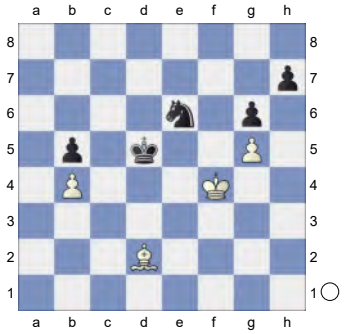


41.Kf3 Nd3 42.Ke4 Nb2 0.05/24
[42...Ne5∓ -1.01/27]
43.g4 -1.21/26
[43.Bc3= 0.05/24 Nc4 44.Bxg7]
43...Nc4 44.Bc3 -1.62/27
[44.Bf4∓ -1.05/24 was called for.]
44...Nd6+-+ 45.Kf4 g6

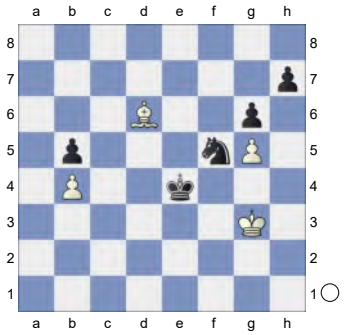


46.g5? -3.42/29

[46.Bg7∓ -1.21/24]
46...Nf5? -0.01/29
[46...Nb5-+ -3.42/29 47.Ba1 Kd5]
47.Bb2 -4.25/29
[47.Ke4!= -0.01/29]
47...Kd5 48.Bc3 -9.62/28
[⌓48.Ba1 -5.18/29 Kc4 49.Ke5]
48...b5 49.Be1 Nd4 50.Bd2 Ne6+



51.Kg4 Ke4 52.Be1 Nc7 53.Bg3 Nd5 54.Bd6 Ne3+ 55.Kg3? -#17/26
[55.Kh3-+ -2.93/26]
55...Nf5+

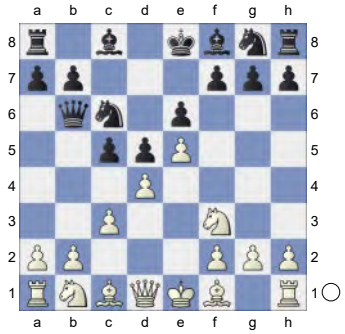


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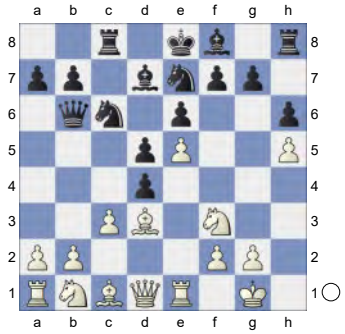
114 **C02**
☐ **Shevchenko,Kirill** **2655**
■ **Harsha Bharathakoti** **2489**
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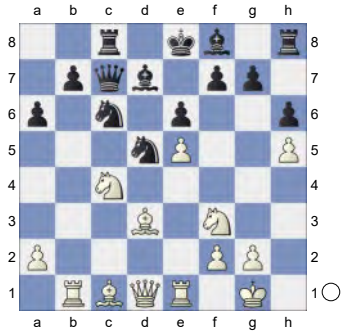
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.19/20
[7.dxc5!± 0.63/23 Bxc5 8.Qe2]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 Rc8
The position is equal. **10.h5 h6**



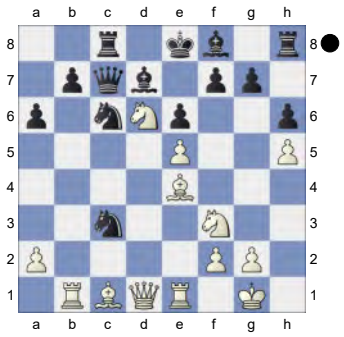
11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 a6 0.85/23
[12...Na5= 0.09/22]
13.Rb1± Qc7 14.c4 0.27/24
[14.Ba3± 0.90/21]
14...dxc4 15.Nxc4 Nd5



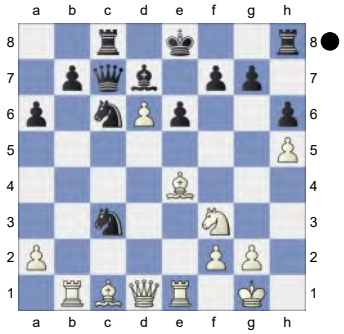
16.Be4N -1.15/20
[16.Nd6+= 0.16/21 remains equal. Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Rxb7 0-0 19.Bb1 Rfd8 20.Qd3 f5 21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qe2 Bc8 23.Rb2

VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8... Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A]

16...Nc3!∓ 17.Nd6+



Bxd6! 18.exd6



Qa5 0.02/17

[18...Qd8!∓ -1.20/27 19.Qd3 Nxb1 20.Qxb1 Qa5]

19.Qb3 -2.51/21 This costs White the game.

[19.Bd2= 0.02/17 and White has nothing to worry. Nxd1 20.Bxa5 Nxa5 21.Rexd1]

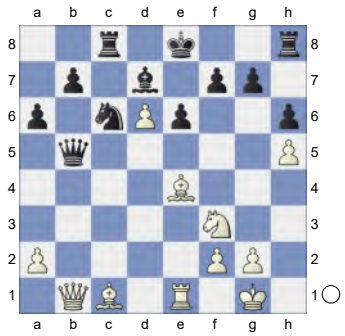
19...Nxb1-+

[19...Nxa2? 20.Bd2+- *(20.Qxb7 Ne5+-; 20.Qxb7 Ne5+-)*]

20.Qxb1 Qb5

[20...Qxh5 21.Qxb7 Qb5 22.Qxb5 axb5 23.Be3-+]

(Diagram)



21.Bb2 And now Qb1-a1 would win.

21...0-0

[21...Qxh5 22.Bxg7 Rg8 23.Bf6=]

22.Qa1 f6

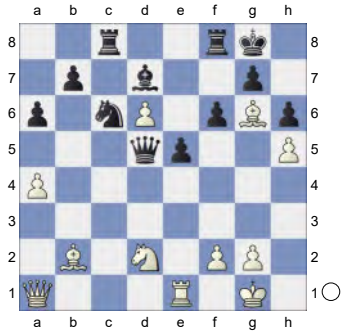
[And not 22...Qxh5 23.Bxg7 f6 24.Bxf6± *(24.Bxf8 Rxf8 25.Qb2 Qb5±)*]

23.Bg6 -2.59/20

[23.Nh4 -1.74/19 was called for.]

23...e5 24.a4 Qc4 Repels Qa1-a2

25.Nd2 Qd5



26.Rd1 Nd4 ...Nd4-e2+ would now be deadly.

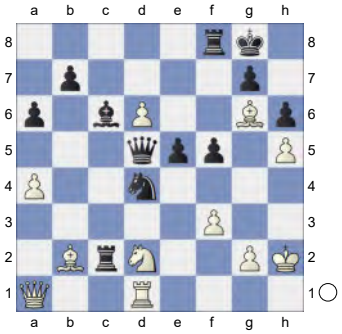
[Don't take 26...Qxd6 27.Ne4 Qc7 28.Qa2+ Kh8 29.Ba3-+]

27.Ne4? -3.58/18

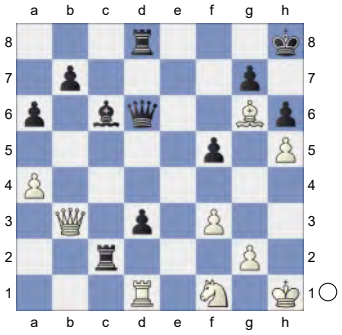
[27.Be4 -1.94/19 was the only defense. Qxd6 28.Bxd4 exd4 *(28...Qxd4? 29.Bxb7 Rb8 30.Bxa6-+)* 29.Bxb7]

27...Rc4 28.Kh2 Bc6 29.f3 f5 30.Nd2 Rc2

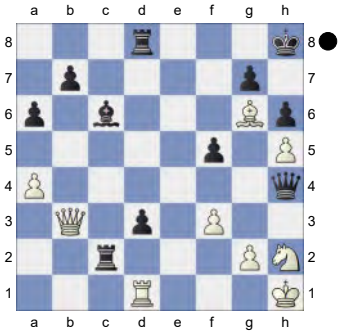
(Diagram)



31.Bxd4 exd4
[Resist 31...Qxd4 32.Qxd4 exd4 33.Nb3 Bxf3 *(33...Bxa4? 34.Nxd4 Rc5 35.Re1-+)* 34.Rxd4-+]
32.Qb1 Qxd6+ 33.Kh1 d3 34.Qb3+ Kh8 ...Qd6-d4 is the strong threat.
35.Nf1 Rd8

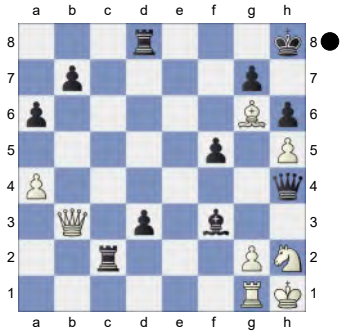


36.Qf7 Qf6 37.Qb3 Qh4+
Black mates. **38.Nh2**

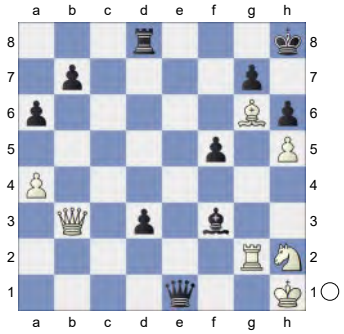


Bxf3! 39.Rg1
[39.Qxc2 dxc2]

(Diagram)



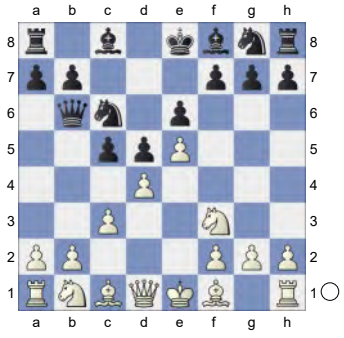
39...Rxg2! 40.Rxg2 Qe1+



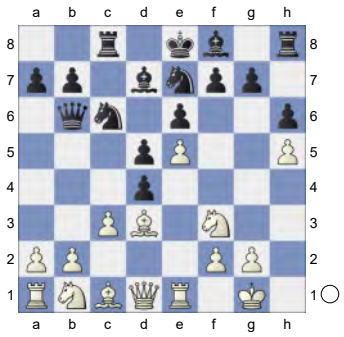
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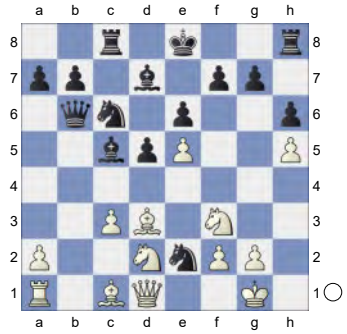
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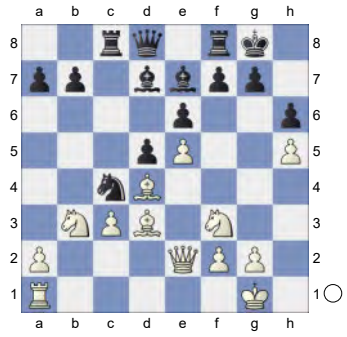
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**



11.Qe2N
[11.Na3 Nf5 12.g4 Nfe7 13.Nb5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxb5 15.Qf3 f6 16.Bg6+ Nxg6 17.Nxg6 Rg8 18.Bxh6 gxh6 19.Qxf6 Bd7 20.Re5 dxc3 21.Rae1 c2 22.Nxf8 Rxf8 23.Rxe6+ Qxe6 24.Rxe6+ Bxe6 25.Qxe6+ 8) Advance of the French-4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 #10 Kd8]
[11.Bc2 dxc3 12.Nxc3 d4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Be4 Nd5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc4 18.Qxc4 Rxc4 19.Nc3 d4 20.Ne4 Bb4 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.exd6+ Be6 23.b3 Rc5 24.Bb2 Rd5 25.Rad1 Rxd6 Holzmann,M (2537)-Seryshev,V (2680) Finistere 2008 Telechess CBM 89 [Pierce book p30-31] ½-½]
[11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Ba3 Qxc3 15.Nb3 Nec6 16.Rc1 Qxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Bxa3 18.Rc2 Nxb3 19.axb3 0-0 20.Qe3 Be7 21.Nd4 Nb4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bb1 a5 24.Nf3 a4 25.bxa4 Bxa4 Guo,A (2432)-Ostrovskiy,A (2404) New York 2022 CBM 211 [Braun, Christian] 1-0 (35)]
11...Nf5 12.Nbd2 -1.58/22
[12.Rd1= -0.10/19 keeps the balance.]
12...dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng3! 14.Qd1 Bc5
[Not 14...Nxh5 15.Nb3∓]
15.Re2 Nxe2+

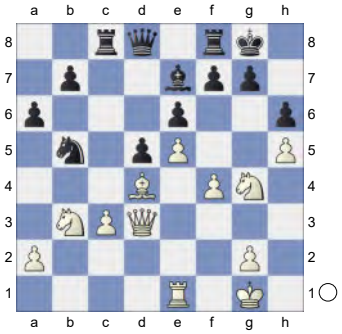


16.Qxe2 0-0 17.Nb3 -2.11/19
[⌓17.Rb1 -1.74/19 Qc7 18.Nb3]
17...Be7 -1.26/20
[Better is 17...f6-+ -2.11/19 Hoping for ...fxe5. 18.exf6 Rxf6]
18.Bf4 -1.89/20
[18.Bb1∓ -1.26/20]
18...Na5-+ 19.Be3 Qd8
[Much less strong is 19...Nxb3 20.Bxb6 Nxa1 21.Bd4±]
20.Bd4 Nc4 -1.46/19
[Black should try 20...Nxb3-+ -1.98/20 21.axb3 Bc5]

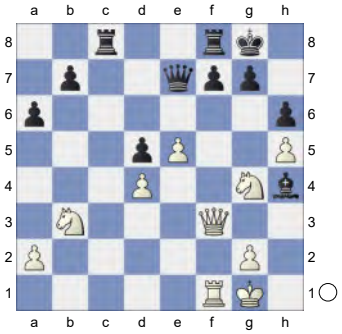


21.Re1 -2.45/19
[21.a4∓ -1.46/19]
21...a6 22.Nh2 Bb5 23.f4 Na3 24.Ng4 Bxd3 25.Qxd3 Nb5

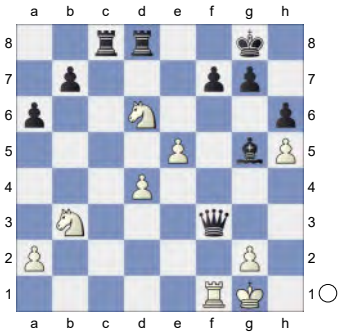
(Diagram)



26.f5 Nxd4 27.cxd4 -4.21/22
[⌓27.Nxd4 -2.90/22 exf5 28.Nxf5]
27...exf5 28.Qxf5 Bh4 29.Rf1 Qg5 30.Qf3 Qe7

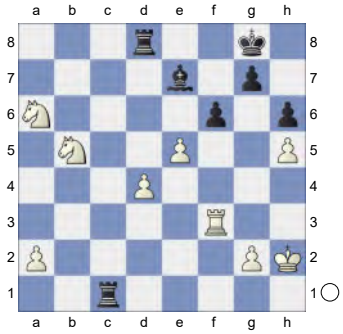


31.Ne3 Qe6 32.Nxd5 Rfd8 33.Ne3 Bg5 34.Nf5 Qd5 35.Nd6 -2.19/23
[35.Nd2∓ -1.51/20]
35...Qxf3

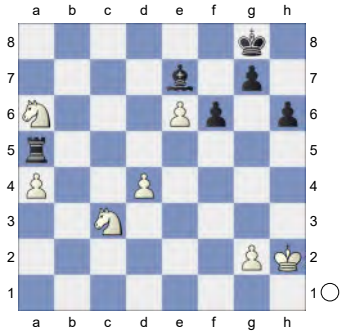


36.Rxf3 Rc7 aiming for ...f6. **37.Nc5 b5 38.Nxa6 Rc1+ 39.Kh2 Be7 40.Nxb5 f6**

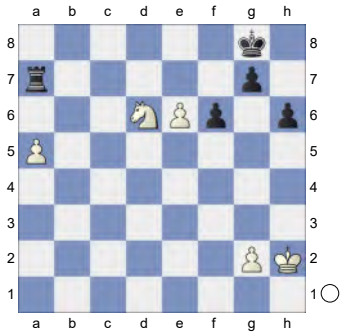
(Diagram)



41.e6 Rd5 42.a4 Rxh5+ 43.Rh3 Rg5 44.Rc3? -6.75/20
[44.Nac7 -2.70/21]
44...Rxc3 45.Nxc3 Endgame KRB-KNN **45...Ra5**

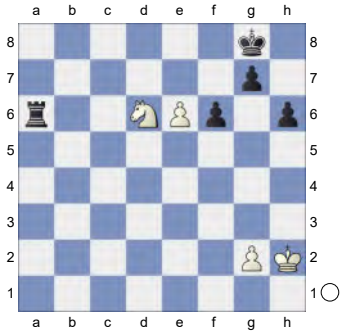


46.Nc5 Bxc5 47.dxc5 Rxc5 KR-KN **48.Nb5 Rc4 49.Nd6 Rc7 50.a5 Ra7**

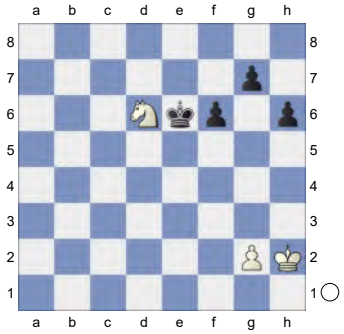


51.a6 Rxa6? 0.13/23
[51...Kf8-+ -3.42/23 52.Nf5 Ra8 53.e7+ Kf7]

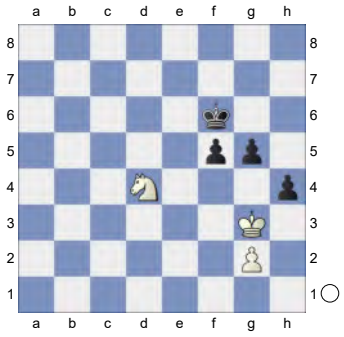
(Diagram)



52.e7!= Ra8 53.e8Q+
[53.Kg3 is interesting. h5 54.Kf3 Ra3+ 55.Ke4]
53...Rxe8 54.Nxe8 KN-K3P **54...Kf7 55.Nd6+ Ke6**

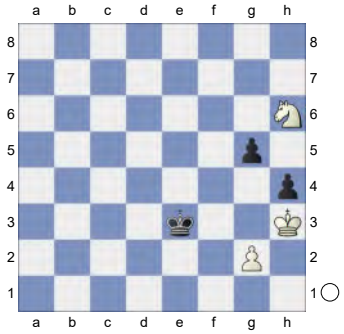


56.Nc4 g5 57.Kg3 h5 58.Nd2 f5 59.Nf3 Kf6 60.Nd4 h4+

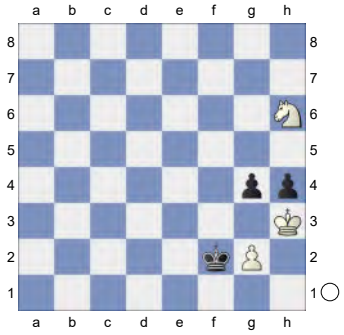


61.Kh3 Ke5 62.Nc6+ Kf4 63.Ne7 Ke3? 10.16/30
[63...Ke5= 0.01/28]
64.Nxf5++- Kf2 65.Nh6 Ke3

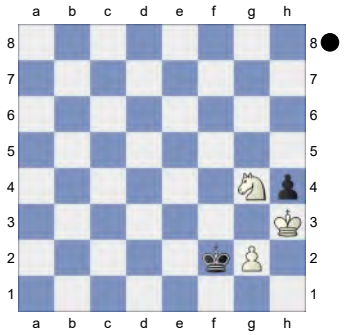
(Diagram)



66.Kg4? 0.00/32
[White has to play 66.Nf7+- 10.15/35 Kf4 67.Nd8]
66...Kf2= 67.Kh3 Kh2 is the strong threat. **67...g4+?** #19/29
[67...Ke3= 0.01/27]



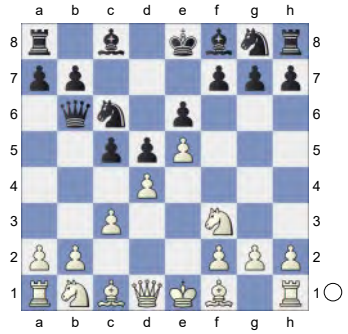
68.Nxg4+



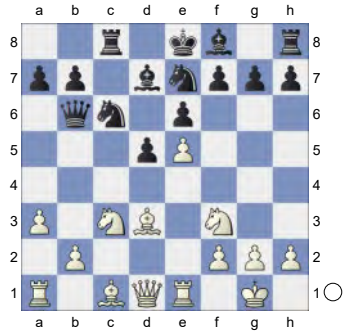
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116 **C02**
□ **Matlakov,Maxim** **2662**
■ **Simonian,Hrair** **2431**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 d5
[3...Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Nxd5 exd5 9.Bd3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Be7 11.h3 h6 12.0-0 Be6 13.a3 0-0 14.Bb1 f5 15.exf6 Rxf6 16.Re1 Qd7 17.b4 Raf8 18.Bb2 Sermek,A (1678)-Fields,P (1942) Linz 2023 CT-1266 [John Watson] 0-1 (76)]
4.e5N
[4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Be7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Bc4 Be8 14.Nf3 Nb4 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bh4 Bc6 17.Ne5 Bd5 18.a3 Nc6 Varga,Z (2450)-Fogarasi,T (2505) Budapest 1996 CBM 057 [Har Zvi,Ronen] 1-0 (50) 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Qxe7 Rfe8 22.Qb7 dxc4 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Qxc6 Qb6 25.Qxc4 Qxb2 26.Qd3 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 Re1+ 28.Rxe1 Qxd4 29.Rad1 Qc5 30.Rd3 h5 31.h4 Qc4 32.Rh3 Kf8 33.Ree3 Qc1+ 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) Amsterdam 1996 CBM 197 [Krezhanovsky,Sergey] 1-0 (50) 34.Kh2 Qc7+ 35.Rhg3 Qf4 36.Ref3 Qxh4+ 37.Rh3 Qg5 38.g3 Kg7 39.Rh4 Kg6 40.Ra4 a5 41.Raf4 Qe5 42.Kh3 f5 43.a4 Qd5 44.Kh2 Kg5 45.Re3 Qc5 46.Kh3 Qd5 47.Ref3 Kg6 48.Kh2 Kg5 12.♗f2 g5 13.♖c1 (2450)-Gerards,A (2505) Amsterdam 1996 CBM 197 [Krezhanovsky,Sergey] 1-0 (50)]
4...Nc6 5.d4 Qb6

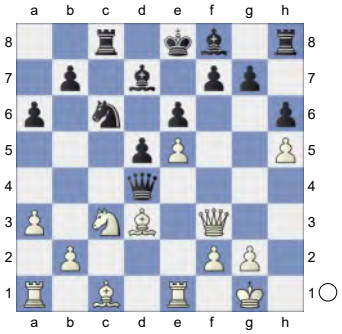


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 -0.01/17
[7.dxc5± 0.33/20 Bxc5 8.0-0]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 dxc3 9.Nxc3 Rc8 White has an edge. **10.a3** White has compensation. **10...Nge7**

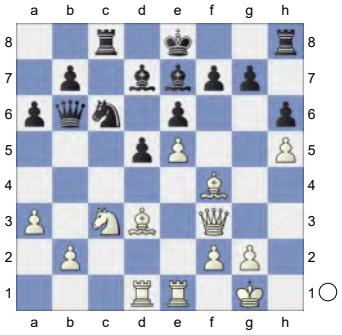


11.h4 -0.14/18
[⌓11.Be3 0.24/18 Qd8 12.Bg5]
11...a6 12.h5 h6 0.49/20
[12...Na5= -0.09/20]
13.Qe2 -0.15/19
[White should play 13.Na4± 0.49/20 Qc7 14.b4]
13...Nd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Qf3 Nc6 0.19/20
[15...g5∓ -0.40/20 16.hxg6 Nxg6 17.Bxg6 fxg6]

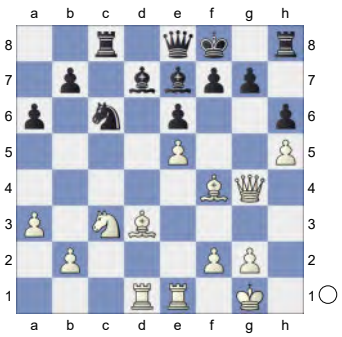
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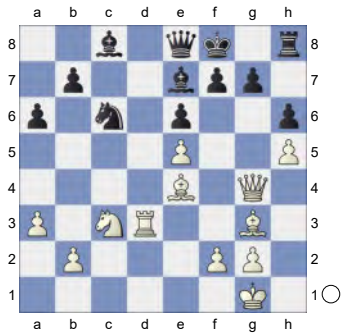
16.Bf4 Be7 17.Rad1 -0.36/20
[17.Ne2= 0.01/20 was preferrable. Qb6 18.Qg3]
17...Qb6 1.07/21
[17...Bg5!∓ -0.36/20 18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Bxa6 Qh4 20.Bxb7 Rxh5]



18.Qg4!± Kf8 1.12/19
[18...Bf8!± 0.60/20]
19.Nxd5! Pin. &Bianco is much more active. **19...Qd8** 2.06/21
[19...Qxb2± 1.07/20 20.Nxe7 Nxe7]
20.Nc3 Qe8? 4.01/21
[20...Qc7 2.00/17 might work better. 21.Re3 Bg5 22.Bxg5 hxg5]

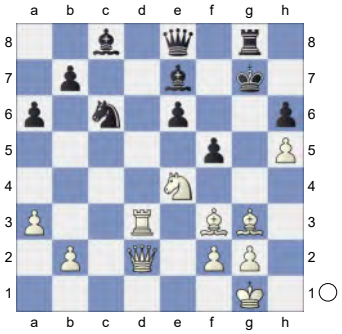


21.Be4 1.96/21
[⌓21.Re3 4.01/21 Threatens to win with Rg3. Bg5 22.Rg3 *(22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Qxg5 Qe7+-)*]
21...Rd8 2.88/23
[21...Bg5 1.96/21 keeps fighting. 22.Bf3 *(22.Bxg5 hxg5 23.Qxg5 Qe7±)* 22...Bxf4]
22.Rd3 Bg5? 4.19/20
[22...Kg8 2.36/21 23.Red1 Bc8 24.Rxd8 *(24.Rg3 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Qf8+-)* 24...Bxd8 25.Bxc6 bxc6]
23.Bg3 1.97/18
[⌓23.Red1 4.19/20]
23...Bc8 24.Red1 Rxd3 25.Rxd3 Be7

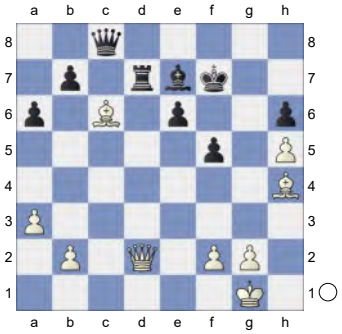


26.Bf3 1.78/21
[⌓26.Na4 3.12/20]
26...Rg8 2.72/20
[26...f5 1.78/21 was necessary. 27.exf6 gxf6]
27.Ne4 And now Qf4 would win. **27...f5 28.exf6 gxf6 29.Qf4 Kg7 30.Qd2?** 0.89/20
[30.Bh4+- 2.67/21 is more deadly. f5 31.Nd6 Bxd6 32.Rxd6]
30...f5 3.29/23
[30...e5± 0.89/20 is a better defense.]

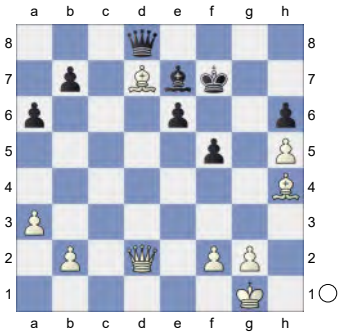
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Loses the game. **31.Nd6+- Qf8** 8.93/25
[31...Bxd6 3.03/23 32.Rxd6 *(32.Bxd6 Kh7±)* 32...Kh7]
32.Nxc8 White is clearly winning.
32...Qxc8 33.Rd7 aiming for Bxc6.
33...Kf7 34.Bh4 Rd8 35.Bxc6 Rxd7

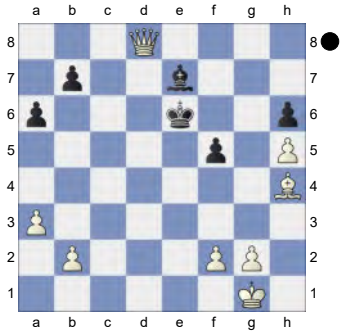


36.Bxd7 A strong pair of Bishops.
36...Qd8



37.Bxe6+! Kxe6 38.Qxd8

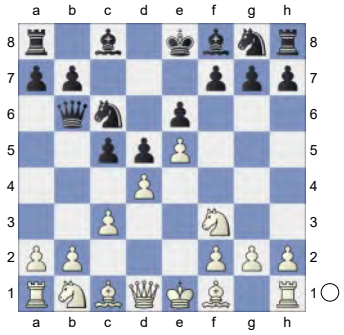
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117 **C02**
□ **Alsina Leal,Daniel** **2510**
■ **Wadsworth,Matthew J** **2470**
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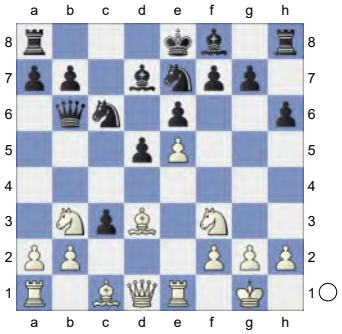
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 h6
[8...Nge7 9.h4 Rc8 10.a3 a6 11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Be3 Qd8 14.axb4 Rxc3 15.Bc5 Nc6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qd2 Rb3 18.b5 axb5 19.Qc2 Rb4 20.Qc5+ Qe7 21.Ra8+ Be8 22.Qb6 g6 23.h5 Osmak,I (2449)-Bon,M (2392) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (34)]
9.Nbd2N

[9.h4 a6 *(9...g5 10.hxg5 hxg5 11.Nxg5 Bg7 12.Bf4 Qxb2 13.Nd2 dxc3 14.Rb1 Qa3 15.Ndf3 Nb4 16.Nd4 Ne7 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.Bxb5+ Nec6 19.Qg4 Bf8 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6+ Kd8 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qf6+ Kc7 24.Qxh8* Georgescu,V (2341)-Schmitt,C (2450) Swedish League 2023 1873 Vienna [John Watson] 1-0*)* 10.a3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 Bc5 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 d4 14.Na4 Qa7 15.Re4 b5 16.Rg4 g6 17.Qc2 bxa4 18.Bxg6 Nge7 19.Be4 Rc8 20.Qd2 Qb8 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Qf4 Nf5 23.Bxf5 exf5 Kurchenko,E (2125)-Gitelson,A (2187) Novorossijsk 2023 0-1 (37) 24.Rg3 Be6 25.h5 Qxb2 26.Qh4 Qc2 27.Rd2 Qe4 28.Qf6 Rf8 29.Rh3 Rg8 30.Kh1 Qg4 31.Rg3 Qxh5+ 32.Rh3 Qg6 33.Rg3 Qxf6 34.Rxg8+ Kd7 35.exf6 Rxg8 36.Nxd4 Nxd4 37.Rxd4+ Kc6 0-1 (37) Rajtar,J (2125)-Russian Variation,H (2187) Rethymnon 88/297 2023 Inf33 [John Watson]]

9...Nge7 10.Nb3 dxc3



11.bxc3 Nf5 0.40/19

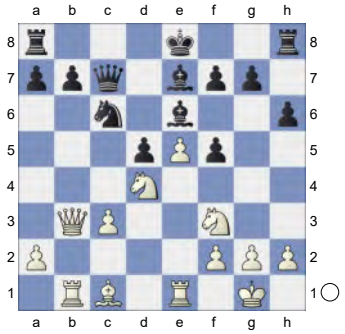
[11...Na5= 0.04/16]

12.Rb1± Qc7 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Nbd4 aiming for e6. **14...Be6 15.Qb3** -0.26/20

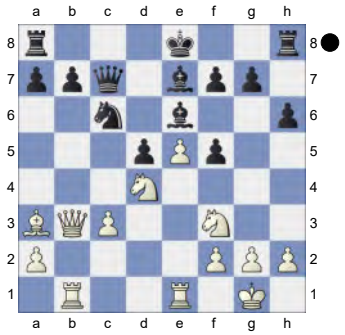
[15.Qd3± 0.31/17]

15...Be7 0.19/20

[15...b6 -0.26/20 might be stronger.]



16.Ba3



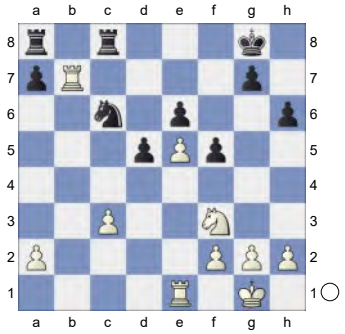
Hoping for Nb5. **16...0-0**

[16...Nxd4 is more complex. 17.Nxd4 0-0 18.Bxe7 Qxe7 19.Qxb7 Qxb7 20.Rxb7 Rfc8]

17.Bxe7 Qxe7

[17...Nxd4 feels hotter. 18.Nxd4 Qxe7 19.Qxb7 Qxb7 20.Rxb7 Rfc8]

18.Qxb7 Qxb7 19.Rxb7 Rfc8 20.Nxe6 fxe6



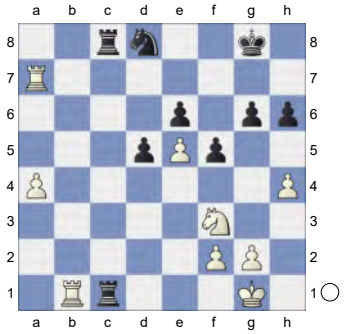
21.Reb1 Nd8 22.Rd7 Rxc3 23.h4 g6 0.40/21

[23...Rac8= -0.01/21]

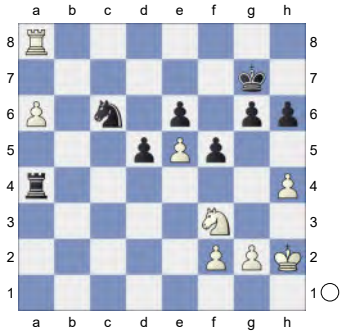
24.a4 Rac8 25.Rxa7 0.01/22

[25.Kh2± 0.43/22]

25...Rc1+!=



26.Rxc1 Rxc1+ Endgame KRN-KRN **27.Kh2 Nc6 28.Ra8+ Kg7 29.a5 Rc4! 30.a6** Rb8! is the strong threat. **30...Ra4**

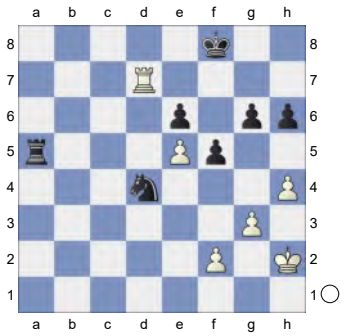


31.g3 d4 32.Rc8 -0.60/24

[32.a7= 0.01/22]

32...Rxa6∓ 33.Rc7+ Kf8 34.Rd7 Ra5 Threatens to win with ...Rd5. **35.Nxd4 Nxd4**

[But not 35...Nxe5 36.Nxe6+ Ke8 37.Rh7=]



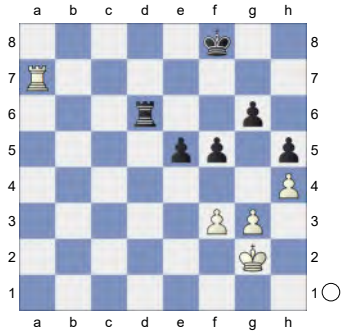
36.Rxd4 Rxe5 KR-KR **37.Rd7 Rd5 38.Ra7 e5** -0.08/24

[38...Kg8∓ -0.53/22 is superior.]

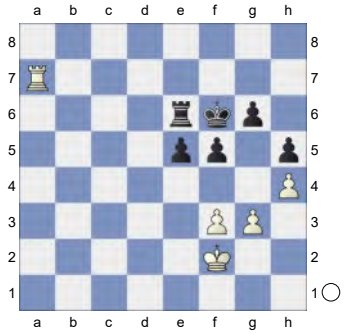
39.f3 -0.52/24

[39.Ra6= -0.08/24]

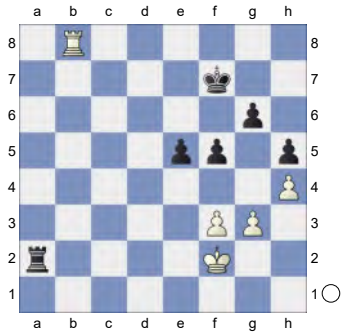
39...h5 40.Kg2 Rd6



41.Kf2 Re6 42.Rb7 Re7 43.Rb6 Kf7 44.Ra6 Re6 45.Ra7+ Kf6



46.Ra8 Rb6 47.Re8 Ra6 48.Rf8+ Ke7 49.Rg8 Kf7 50.Rb8 Ra2+



51.Kf1 Ra6 -0.01/23

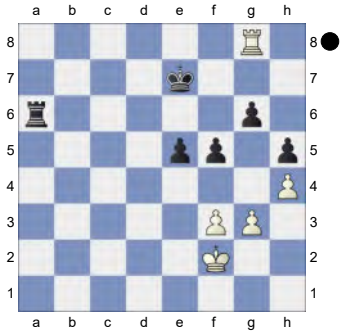
[51...Rd2∓ -0.41/25]

52.Kf2!= Ke7 -0.01/24

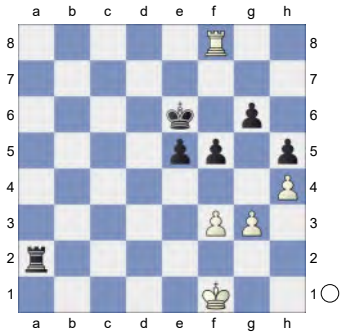
[52...Rd6∓ -0.45/25]

53.Rg8!

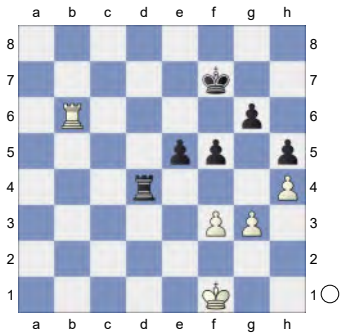
(Diagram)



Ra2+ -0.47/26
[53...e4!∓ -0.85/26]
54.Kf1 Kf6 55.Rf8+ Ke6

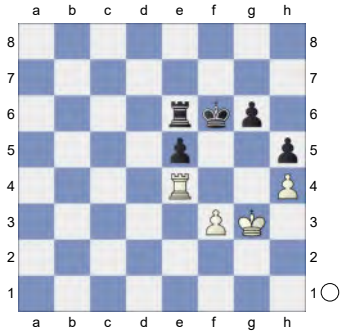


56.Rg8! Kf7 0.01/24
[56...Ra1+!∓ -0.49/26 57.Ke2 Kf7]
57.Rb8! Rd2 58.Rb6 Rd4 59.Kf2 Rd2+ 0.01/24
[Black should play 59...e4∓ -0.58/26]
60.Kf1! Rd4 -0.01/24
[60...Rd8∓ -0.45/26]

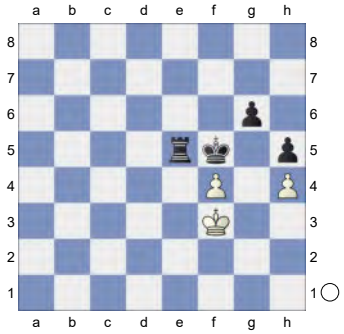


61.Kf2! f4 62.gxf4 Rxf4 63.Kg3 Rf6 64.Rb4 Re6 65.Re4 Kf6

(Diagram)



66.f4 Kf5 -0.01/29
[Black should try 66...exf4+!∓ -0.66/28 67.Rxf4+ Ke5]
67.Kf3 Re8 68.Rxe5+ Rxe5

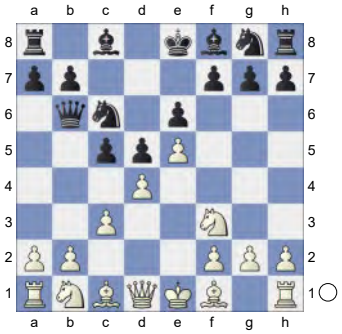


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½-½

118 **C02**
□ **Jones,G** **2670**
■ **Iskusnyh,Sergei** **2473**
Titled Tuesday 13th Oct blitz (4)
[John Watson]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 next c3xd4 is good for White. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4** Versus ...Ng6. The position is equal. **9...Nf5?!**

[9...dxc3 10.Nxc3 a6 prepares ... Nd4 or in some cases ...Qa7 *(10...Nd4?? 3.51/20 10...a7-a6 0.34 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nb5)* . Then 11.Be3!? Wards off Nc6-d4 *(11.Na4 Qa7 12.Be3* Wards off Nc6-d4 *d4 13.Nxd4! Nd5! 14.Nf3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 Be7∞; 11.Bd2 Nd4 12.Rb1)* 11...Qb4!? *(11...d4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Be4 Nec6! 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Bxd4 Qc7=)* 12.Rc1 *(12.g3 Ng6! 13.a3 Qg4 14.Be2* aiming for Nf3-d4. *Qf5! 15.Bd3 Qg4 16.Be2=)* 12...Qg4 yields another obscure position which is hard to assess.]

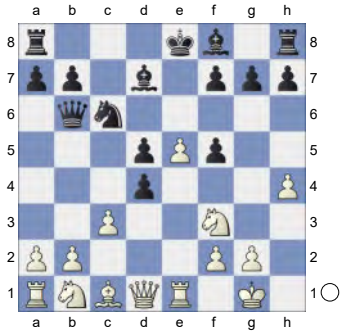
10.Bxf5!

[10.g4? -1.17/20 10.Bd3xf5 0.64 Nh6!]

[10.Nbd2?! dxc3 11.bxc3 Qc7?! 0.47/21 *(11...Bc5! 12.Rf1! Na5 13.Rb1 Qd8∓; 11...Bc5∓* -0.44/22 *12.Rf1 Na5)* 12.Nb3± *(12.Rb1!)* 12...Be7 13.Bxf5 -0.36/16 *(13.h5±* 0.42/20 *)* 13...exf5∓ 14.Qxd5 Be6 15.Qd1 Rd8∓ Mamedov,R (2654)-Erigaisi,A (2559) Lichess.org INT 2020]

10...exf5

(Diagram)



11.cxd4 Be6 12.Nc3 This is a fairly standard French position except that White has more of his usual moves in (including Re1 and h4). **12...h6 13.a3!?** Expanding on the queenside. White's other standard plan is Ne2-f4 and perhaps h5. Here he might use the order

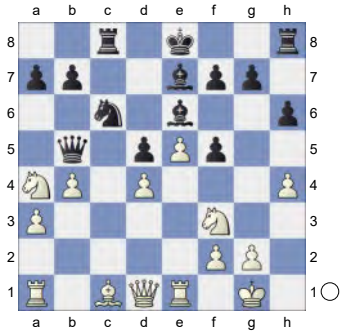
[13.Re3 Be7 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Nf4±]

13...Be7 14.b4 Rc8!?

[14...0-0]

15.Na4 Qb5

[15...Qd8 16.h5 0-0]



16.Bd2 b6?! Weakening.

[16...0-0 is solider, although White still looks better after 17.h5]

17.Rc1N

[17.Nc3 Qc4 18.Ne2 is also promising.]

17...0-0 18.Nc3 Qd3

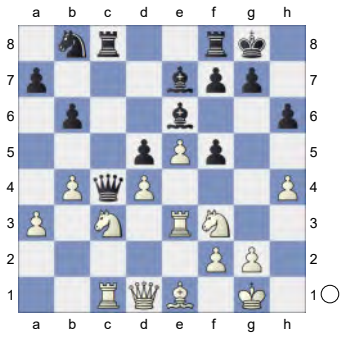
[18...Qc4 19.Ne2 Qa6 20.Qb3 Rc1xc6! would now be deadly. Qb7 21.Qd3±]

19.Re3 Qc4 20.Be1!? 0.41/23

[20.Ne2!]

[White should play 20.Ne2± 0.81/20 Qa6 21.Nf4]

20...Nb8

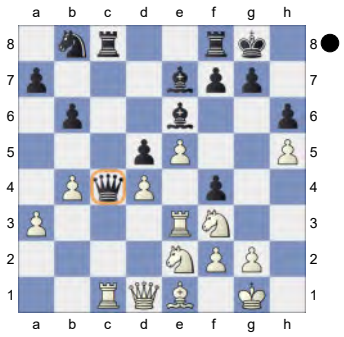


21.h5 f4!?

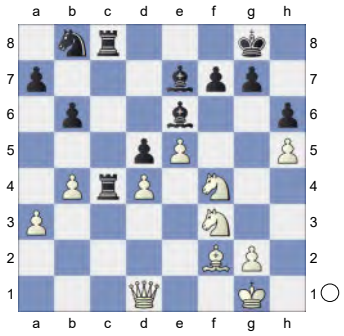
[21...Qc6 22.Ne2 Qd7 23.Rec3 a6]

22.Ne2!?

[22.Re2!±]



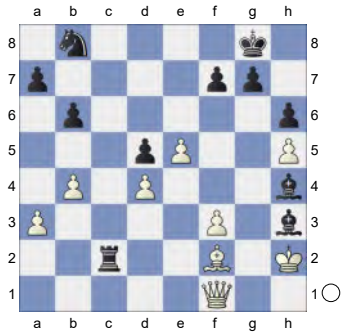
Discovered Attack. Excellent horsemanship. **22...fxe3 23.Rxc4 exf2+ 24.Bxf2 Rxc4** This looks dynamically balanced, with which assessment my engine concurs. **25.Nf4 Rfc8**



26.Kh2 Threatens to win with Nf4xe6.

26...Rc1 27.Qd3 R1c3

[27...R8c3 28.Qb5! Bd7! 29.Qe2! R1c2 30.Qf1 Rxf3!? *(30...Be6=)* 31.gxf3 Kh2-g3! is the strong threat. Bh4 32.Nh3 Hoping for Qf1-d3. Bxf2! *(32...Bxh3?? 1.18/23 32...Bh4xf2 -0.12*



33.Qd3!) 33.Nxf2 Strongly threatening b4-b5. Nc6 34.Kh1 Rc4 35.Ng4 Be6=]

28.Qb5 Bf8? 1.33/20

[28...Rxa3]

[28...Rxa3= -0.13/22 29.Qe2 Rc7 *(29...Bxb4 30.Nxe6 fxe6 31.Nh4=)*]

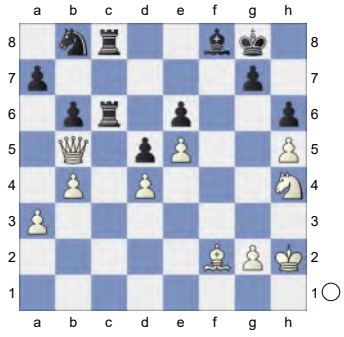
29.Nh4!± Black must now prevent Nf4xe6. **29...R3c6?** 3.27/19 This costs Black the game.

[29...R3c4± 0.97/20]

30.Nxe6!+- Deflection

[30.Nxd5? too greedy. a6 31.Nf6+ gxf6-+]

30...fxe6



31.Ng6 Inhibits Bf8-e7. **31...Nd7** 3.55/23

[⌓31...Rc2 2.43/20]

32.Qa6 Rc2

[32...R8c7 33.Qe2! and White will

exploit the weakness on e6 and kingside vulnerability with Nf4, Qg4, etc.]

33.Qxa7 1.96/21

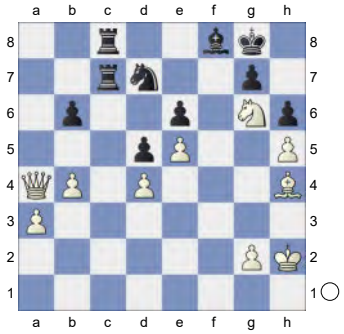
[⌓33.Bg3 4.05/21]

33...R2c7? 4.41/21

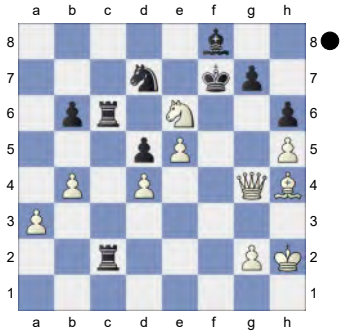
[33...R8c7 1.96/21 34.Qa8 Rxf2]

34.Qa4 White is clearly winning. **34...Kf7**

35.Bh4 Repels Bf8-e7 **35...Kg8**



36.Qd1 Rc2 37.Qg4 Kf7 38.Nf4 R8c6 39.Nxe6!



Remove Defender, Decoy.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.21 (precise) /Black=0.44

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☐ **Luehrig,Walter** **2670**

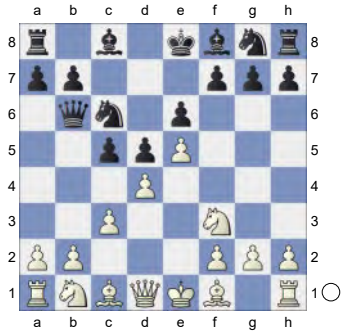
■ **Curr,P** **2473**

Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (4) 13.10.2020

[Rabinovich,A]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Nf5**

[9...dxc3 10.Nxc3 a6 *(10...Nd4?* 3.46/17 10...a7-a6 0.36 *11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nb5)*

A) 11.Na4 Qa7 12.Be3 Dodges Nc6-d4 d4 13.Nxd4! Nd5! And now ...Nd5xe3 would win. 14.Nf3 Nxe3 15.Rxe3 Be7;

B) 11.Bd2 Nd4! 12.Rb1 -0.28/17 *(12.b4* 0.09/19 feels stronger. *)*;

C) 11.Na4!? Qd8 12.a3±;

D) 11.Be3 Qb4 *(11...d4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Be4 Nec6! 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Bxd4 Qc7)* 12.Rc1 *(12.g3 Ng6 13.a3 Qg4 14.Be2* Nf3-d4 is the strong threat. *Qf5! 15.Bd3 Qg4 16.Be2)* 12...Qg4!]

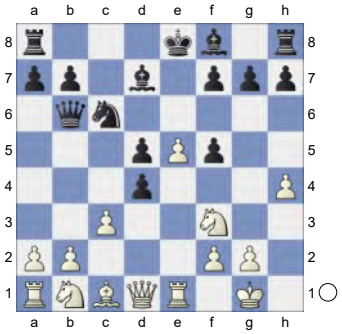
10.Bxf5

[10.g4? -1.32/19 10.Bd3xf5 0.47 Nh6]

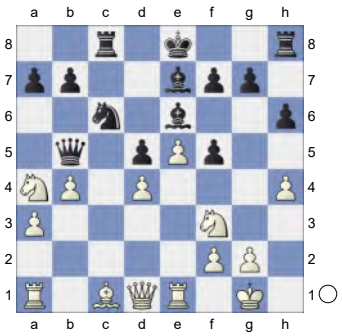
[10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Qc7 0.69/20 *(11...Bc5 12.Rf1! Na5 13.Rb1 Qd8; 11...Bc5∓* -0.41/20 *12.Rf1 0-0)* 12.Nb3 *(12.Rb1)* 12...Be7 13.Bxf5 -0.36/15 *(13.h5± 0.47/19)* 13...exf5∓ 14.Qxd5 Be6 15.Qd1 Rd8]

10...exf5

(Diagram)

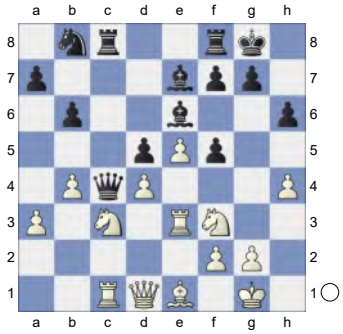


11.cxd4 Be6 12.Nc3 h6 13.a3
[13.Re3 Be7 14.Ne2 0-0 15.Nf4]
13...Be7 14.b4 Rc8 0.58/22
[14...0-0]
[14...0-0= 0.21/20]
15.Na4 Qb5
[15...Qd8 16.h5 0-0]

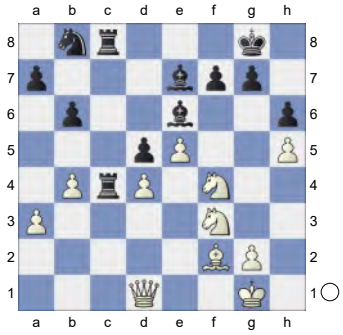


16.Bd2 b6 0.72/24
[16...0-0 17.h5]
[16...0-0= 0.28/22 should be considered.]
17.Rc1N
[17.Nc3 Qc4 18.Ne2]
17...0-0 18.Nc3 Qd3
[18...Qc4 19.Ne2 Qa6 20.Qb3 Qb7 21.Qd3]
19.Re3 Qc4 20.Be1 0.39/22
[20.Ne2]
[20.Ne2± 0.83/20 Qa6 21.Rec3]
20...Nb8

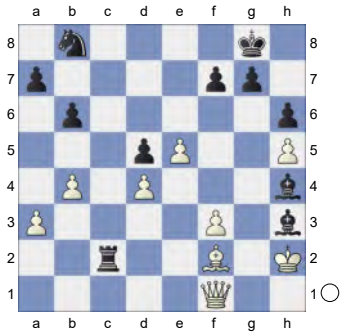
(Diagram)



21.h5 f4
[21...Qc6 22.Ne2 Qd7 23.Rec3 a6]
22.Ne2 -0.15/20
[22.Re2]
[White should play 22.Re2± 0.39/22]
22...fxe3= 23.Rxc4 exf2+ 24.Bxf2 Rxc4 25.Nf4 Rfc8

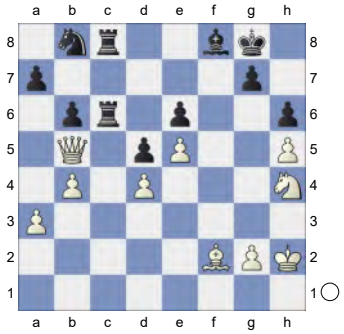


26.Kh2 Rc1 27.Qd3 R1c3 0.28/23
[27...R8c3! 28.Qb5! Bd7! 29.Qe2! R1c2 30.Qf1 Rxf3 *(30...Be6)* 31.gxf3 Threatens to win with Kh2-g3! Bh4 32.Nh3 Strongly threatening Qf1-d3. Bxf2 *(32...Bxh3* 1.45/24 32...Bh4xf2 0.00



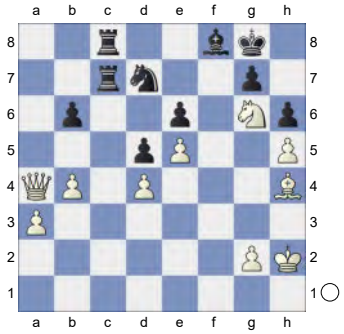
33.Qd3!) 33.Nxf2 Black must now prevent b4-b5. Nc6 34.Kh1 Rc4

35.Ng4 Be6]
[⌓27...R8c3 -0.15/23 28.Qb5 Bd7 *(28...Rxa3? too greedy. 29.Qe8+ Bf8 30.Nxe6+-; 28...Nc6 29.Ne2±)*]
28.Qb5 -0.10/22
[⌓28.Qd1 0.28/23]
28...Bf8 1.14/19
[28...Rxa3]
[28...Rxa3= -0.10/22 keeps the balance. 29.Qe2 Ra1 *(29...Bxb4 30.Nxe6 fxe6 31.Nh4=)*]
29.Nh4± R3c6 3.19/20 This costs Black the game.
[29...R3c4± 1.03/21]
30.Nxe6!+- Deflection
[30.Nxd5? is the wrong capture. a6 31.Qe2 Bxd5-+]
30...fxe6

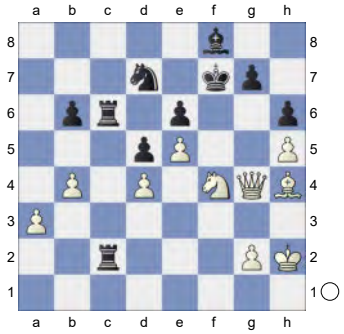


31.Ng6 Against Bf8-e7 **31...Nd7** 3.76/21
[31...a6 2.26/20 was worth a try. 32.Qa4 Rc1]
32.Qa6 Rc2
[32...R8c7 33.Qe2]
33.Qxa7 1.79/22
[⌓33.Bg3 3.99/20]
33...R2c7? 4.29/19
[33...R8c7 1.79/22 keeps fighting. 34.Qa8 Rxf2]
34.Qa4 White is clearly winning. **34...Kf7**
35.Bh4 Against Bf8-e7 **35...Kg8**

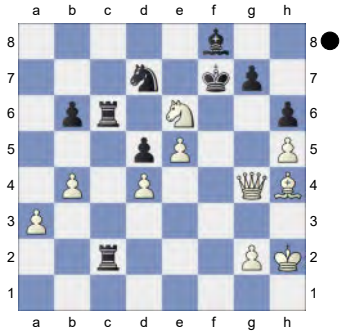
(Diagram)



36.Qd1 Rc2 37.Qg4 Kf7 38.Nf4 R8c6



39.Nxe6!

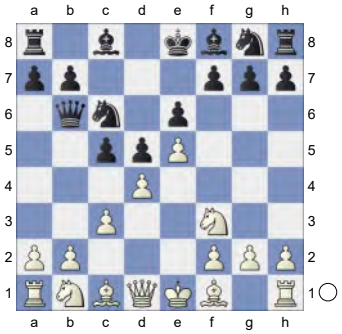


Remove Defender, Decoy.
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120 **C02**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Bukreev,Stanislav** **2384**
Titled Tue 24. Sep Late (3) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

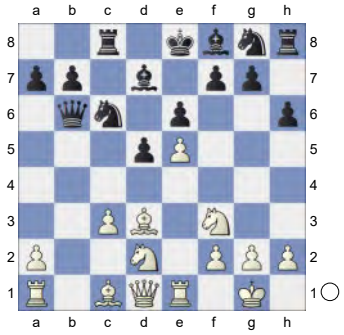


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 is the new trend. ist der neue Trend. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2** The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 h6N** 0.90/21

[10...Na5= 0.29/19 keeps the balance. 11.Rb1 *(11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nd4 a6 14.N2f3 h6 15.h4 Nec6 16.Bf4 Nxd4 17.cxd4 b5 18.a4 Nc4 19.axb5 axb5 20.Nd2 Be7 21.Rec1 Bxh4 22.Qg4 Bg5 23.Bxg5 hxg5 24.Nf3 f6 25.Bg6+ Kf8* 0-1 (58) Gong,Q (2271)-Medina Paz,M (2383) Japfa m (Women) 2022 (3) *)* 11...Qc7 12.c4 Ne7 13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Ng5 Be7 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6 VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Rc8 #1]

[10...Nge7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qe5 ½-½ (32) Merario Alarcon,A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024]

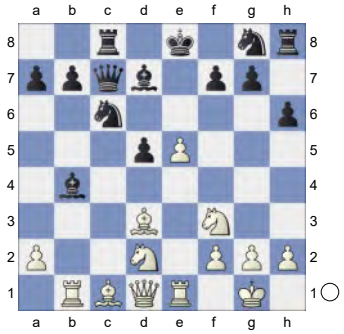
[10...Qc7 11.Nb3 Nge7 12.Qe2 a6 13.h4 Na7 14.Bd2 Bb5 15.a4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Qc4 17.Qc2 Nf5 18.Rab1 Qxa4 19.Qd3 Nxh4 20.Nxh4 Qxh4 21.Nd4 Rc7 22.Re3 Bc5 23.Rbe1 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Nb5 25.Rg3 0-1 (31) Mora Velasco,A (1884)-Zschiedrich,H (2067) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4)]



11.Rb1!±

[Vorgänger: 11.c4 -0.55/23 11.Ra1-b1 0.50 Nb4 12.Bf1! a2-a3 is the strong threat. Bc5 13.Qe2! Ne7 14.Rb1 And now a2-a3 would win. Qc7 15.Nb3 Nb3xc5 would now be deadly. dxc4 0.16/16 *(*Better is *15...b6∓* -0.40/19 *)* 16.Nxc5= Qxc5 17.Be3 0-1 Parijos de Melo,L (1714)-Vargas,G (2084) Sao Paulo Sampa op 2024 (1)]

11...Qc7 12.c4 White is more active. **12...Bb4 13.cxd5 exd5**

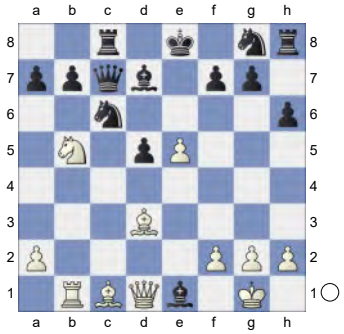


14.Nd4 -0.41/19 **Bxd2?** 2.88/20 Loses the game.

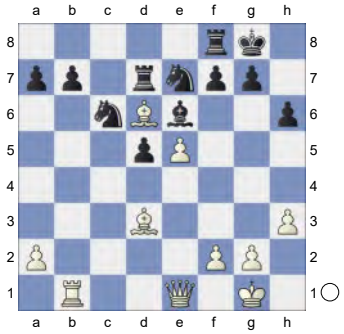
[14...Nxd4∓ -0.41/19 keeps the upper hand. 15.Rxb4 Qc3]

15.Nb5+- Bxe1

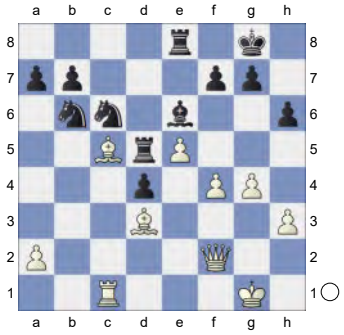
(Diagram)



16.Nxc7+ Discovered Attack **16...Rxc7**
17.Qxe1 Nge7 18.Ba3
[Don't play 18.e6?! Bxe6 19.Qe3 *(19.Bf4 Rd7±)* 19...Rd7+-]
18...Be6 19.Bd6 Rd7 20.h3 0-0

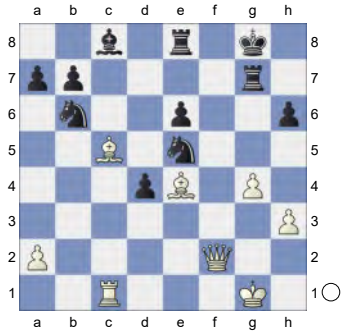


21.f4 White has strong compensation.
21...Re8 22.g4 Prevents Be6-f5. Threatens to win with f4-f5. **22...d4**
23.Qf2 Nc8 24.Bc5 Rd5 2.46/17
[24...Nb6 1.84/19 is a better defense. 25.Bxb6 axb6 26.Rxb6 Ra8]
25.Rc1 Nb6

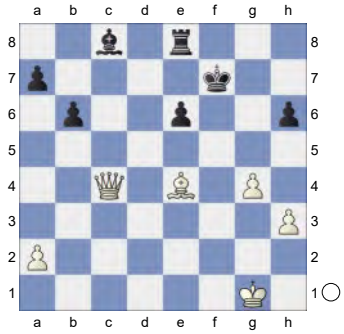


26.f5 Bc8 27.e6 Prevents Nb6-d7
27...fxe6 5.68/16
[27...Bxe6 3.24/18 28.fxe6 Rxe6 29.Bxb6 axb6]

28.f6 Threatening mate with f6-f7+.
28...Ne5 29.Be4 Rd7 30.fxg7 Rxg7

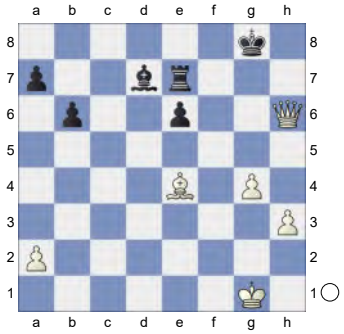


31.Bxd4 A strong pair of Bishops.
31...Nbc4 32.Rxc4 Nxc4 33.Bxg7 Kxg7 34.Qd4+ Kf7 35.Qxc4 b6

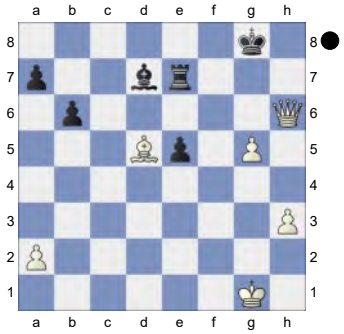


36.Qc7+ Kf6 37.Qf4+ Kg7 38.Qe5+ 10.67/17
[⌓38.g5 #8/15 hxg5 39.Qxg5+ Kf7 40.Bg6+ Skewer, Deflection Kg7 41.Bh5+ Discovered Attack (Check) *(41.Bxe8+ Kf8 42.Bh5 Bd7 43.Qf6+ Kg8 44.Qf7+ Kh8 45.Bg6 e5 46.Qh7#)* 41...Kf8 42.Qf6+ Kg8 43.Bf7+ *(43.Bxe8 Ba6 44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.Bf7 e5 46.Qh6#)* 43...Kh7 44.Qg6+ Kh8 45.Qh6#]
38...Kg8 39.Qf6 g4-g5! would kill now.
39...Bd7 40.Qxh6 Re7

(Diagram)



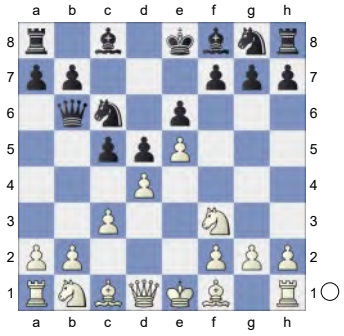
Wards off Qh6-h7+ **41.g5 e5 42.Bd5+**



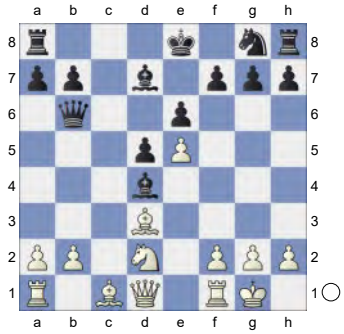
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121 **C02**
□ **Gukesh D** **2730**
■ **Rendle,Thomas E** **2379**
Titled Tue 28. Mar Early (7) 28.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4



11.Nf3 Ne7 The position is equal.
12.a4N Strongly threatening a4-a5.
[12.Bd2 f5 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Qb3 Bc6 16.Bb4 Rf7 17.Rcd1 Qg4 18.f4 g5 19.h3 Qh5 20.fxg5 Qxg5 21.Bd2 Qg6 22.Bf4 d4 23.Rf2 Rg7 24.Bf1 Bd5 25.Qa4 Qh5 26.Kh2 Nc6 0-1 (45) OaBrien,M (2063)-Orlov,S (2036) corr FICGS CHESS 2007 (1)]
[12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Re1 Nc6 *(13...Rc8)* 14.Be3 Qxe5 15.Bc5 Qg5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Bd6 *(17.Ba3 Nd4 18.Qb4 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Nxe1 20.Rxe1 Rc8 21.f4 Qh4 22.g3 Qd8 23.Qd6 Rc5 24.f5 Qc7 25.Bxc5 Qxc5 26.Qb8+ Qc8 27.Qe5 f6 28.Qxd5 0-0 29.Qc4 Bc6+ 30.Kg1 Bd5 31.Qxc8 Rxc8* 0-1 (56) Neat,P (2374)-Bruce,R (2541) 181843 San Sebastian 1911*)* 17...Nd4 18.Qd1 h5 19.Ba6 Nb5 20.f4 Qf5 21.Re5 Nxd6 22.Rxf5 Nxf5 23.Rc1 0-0 24.Qxh5 Rfd8 25.Rc3 g6 26.Qe2 d4 1-0 (45) Lie,K (2487)-Budisavljevic,L (2481) Julius Baer GenCup Pl/In rapid 2024 (1)]
[12.Qe2 Rc8 13.Bg5 Ng6 14.Rab1 0-0 15.h4 f6 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.h5 Ne7 18.h6 e5 19.hxg7 Kxg7 20.Nxe5 Bxg5 21.Nxd7 Qh6 22.Nxf8 Rxf8 23.Qe5+ Bf6 24.Qh2 Qxh2+

25.Kxh2 Be5+ 26.Kg1 Nc6 1-0 (37) Riff,V (2368)-Do Carmo,G (2008) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early blitz 2025 (2)]

12...a5!

[12...Bxb2? 13.Rb1+-]

13.h4 -0.85/23

[13.Nxd4= -0.22/22 keeps the balance. Qxd4 14.Re1]

13...Nc6

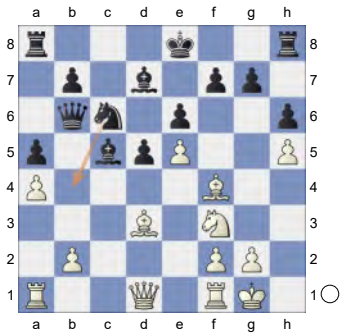
[13...Bxb2? 14.Rb1+-]

14.Bf4 h6

[14...Bxb2 15.Rb1±]

15.h5 Bc5

[15...Qxb2 16.Rb1 Qc3 17.Rb3+- *(17.Rxb7 Nb4=)*]



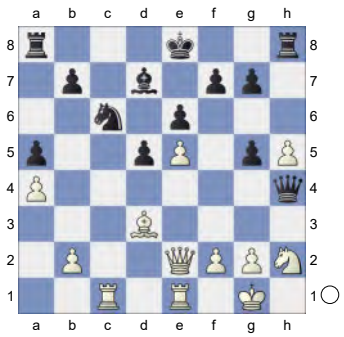
16.Rc1 Be7 17.Nh2? -2.26/23

[17.Re1∓ -0.64/21]

17...Bg5

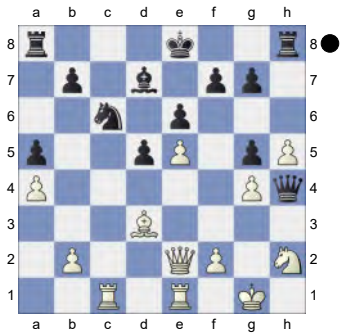
[17...Qxb2 18.Re1]

18.Bxg5 hxg5 19.Re1 Qd4 20.Qe2 Qh4



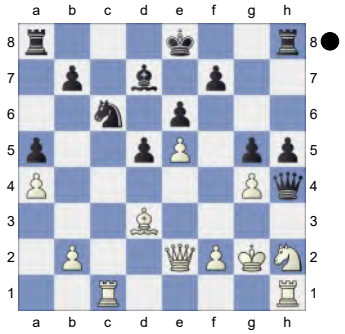
21.g4

(Diagram)



g6! -1.36/21 **22.Kg2∓** Black must now prevent Re1-h1. **22...gxh5 23.Rh1?** -3.16/21

[23.f3∓ -1.57/23]



23...Nb4?? 1.66/26

[23...Nd4!-+ -3.16/21 and life is good for Black. 24.Qd1 hxg4 25.Nxg4 Qxh1+ 26.Qxh1 Rxh1 27.Nf6+ Ke7 28.Rxh1 Bxa4]

24.f3 0.31/19

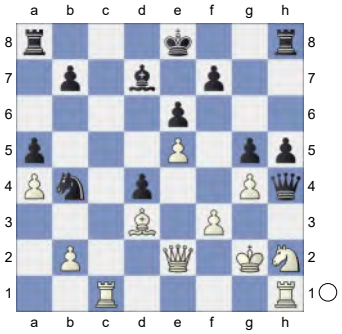
[24.Bb5+- 1.66/26 Bxb5 25.Qxb5+ Kf8 26.f3]

24...d4? 2.30/24

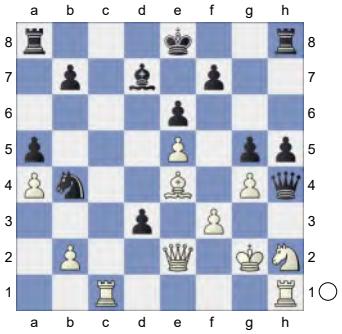
[24...Bxa4? 25.Nf1+-]

[24...Nxd3!± 0.31/19 25.Qxd3 Rc8 *(25...Bxa4? 26.Nf1+-)*]

(Diagram)



25.Be4!+- d3



26.Qd2 Bc6 ...Bc6xe4 is the strong threat.

[26...Bxa4 27.Bxb7 *(27.Nf1 Qxh1+ 28.Kxh1 hxg4+ 29.Kg1 Bc6+-)* 27...Rd8 28.Nf1+-]

27.Nf1

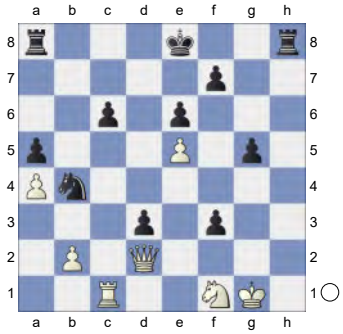
[27.Bxd3 hxg4 *(27...0-0-0? 28.Rxc6+ bxc6 29.Nf1-+)* 28.Be4 Bxe4 *(28...Bxa4 29.Nxg4* Discovered Attack *Rg8 30.Nf6+ Kf8 31.Rxh4+-; 28...Qh3+? 29.Kg1-+)* 29.fxe4 Qh3+ 30.Kf2 Rd8-+ *(30...Qxh2+? 31.Rxh2 Rxh2+ 32.Ke3-+; 30...Qxh2+? 31.Rxh2 Rxh2+ 32.Ke1-+)*]

27...Qxh1+ 28.Kxh1 hxg4+ 29.Kg1 gxf3 30.Bxc6+

[30.Bxd3 0-0-0 31.Rxc6+ *(31.Rc3? Rh4-+)* 31...bxc6-+]

30...bxc6

(Diagram)



31.Ng3 1.47/16

[White should play 31.Qxg5+- 2.50/16 Rc1-c4 would now be deadly. Kd7 32.Qe3]

31...0-0-0± 32.Rc5? 0.00/20

[White should try 32.Rc4+- 1.62/19]

32...Rd4 0.58/25

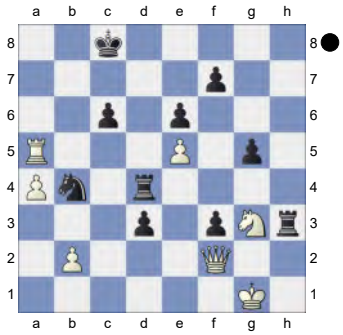
[Better is 32...Rh3= 0.00/20 33.Ne4 *(33.Qxg5? too greedy. d2-+)* 33...Rdh8]

33.Rxa5± Rh3? 4.24/30

[33...Kb7± 0.82/19]

34.Qf2?? -5.31/18

[34.Qxg5+- 4.24/30 is the narrow road to win. Rxg3+ 35.Qxg3]



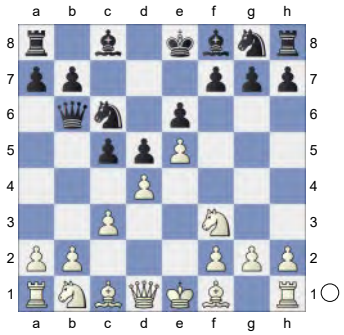
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122 **C02**
□ **Ducu17** **2657**
■ **nakading** **2385**
Rapid 04.02.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
Braun, Christian: 'Jacimovic,Dragoljub: 'EUOROPEAN CHESS CLUB CUP 2021 Tournament Report The 36th European Chess Club Cup was held in Struga from September 18-24. After a break of a year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the best chess teams in Europe came together again. After the withdrawal of the Padova team, the main favorites for the first place remained Alkaloid (Severna Makedonija), Bronze Horseman (Russia) and Novy Bor (Cesko). As many times before, the winner of the tournament was decided in the last round. Bronze Horseman played the whole tournament quite safely, and with a little luck won the first prize. Novy Bor justified the "title" of a respectable team and did not disappoint clinching the second place. Alkaloid failed to finish among the top three teams with a bad result in the last round, even though the team was the rating favourite. All in all, this European Chess Club Cup passed without too much excitement. Also, I should mention that Sloven Ruma, the only Serbian team in the tournament, which consisted of highly experienced grandmasters, found itself in the division of 4-7 place, with five victories and two defeats. Maybe they could have done better, but this is also a solid placement considering the team's starting ranking. The team of Bronze Horseman, led by Svidler (who did not win any games), had outstanding results on the lower boards, where Alekseev and Ponkratov did an excellent job, and brought the Russian team another title. By the way, the tournament was held under strict COVID-19 measures, with two tests during the tournament and keeping the distance during the games. Some players used face masks, some played without masks, and all of that gave some weird flavour to this event. The playing conditions were decent, except that a couple of teams traveled for ten minutes to the playing hall. Overall, the quality of the play was at a really remarkable level, but due to the overall situation this tournament will not be remembered for long. Dear readers, I bring you four entertaining games for your study and enjoyment!'' EUOROPEAN CHESS CLUB CUP 2021 Tournament Report The 36th European Chess Club Cup was held in Struga from September 18-24. After a break of a year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the best chess teams in Europe came together again. After the withdrawal of the Padova team, the main favorites for the first place remained Alkaloid (Severna Makedonija), Bronze Horseman (Russia) and Novy Bor (Cesko). As many times before, the winner of the tournament was decided in the last round. Bronze Horseman played the whole tournament quite safely, and with a little luck won the first prize. Novy Bor justified the "title" of a respectable team and did not disappoint clinching the second place. Alkaloid failed to finish among the top three teams with a bad result in the last round, even though the team was the rating favourite. All in

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6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...Nge7 10.Nb3**

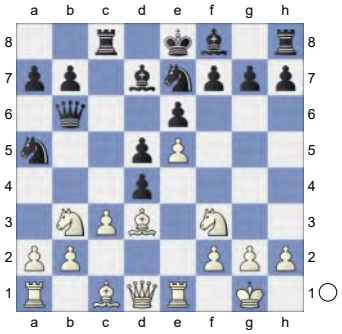
[10.Nxd4 looks sharper. Nxd4 11.cxd4 Qxd4 12.Nf3]

10...Na5N 0.75/18

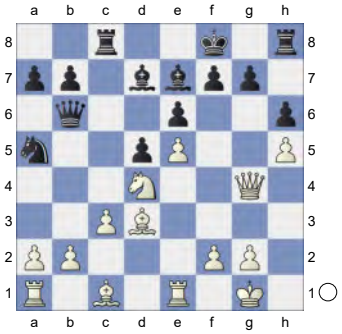
[10...dxc3= 0.01/19 11.bxc3 Ng6 *(11...Na5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Rb1 b6 15.Qe2 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Be7 19.Bg5 Qc5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6 Rc7 22.Rbd1 Rd7 23.Re5 h6 24.Qg6+ Kf8 25.Qxf5+ Ke8 26.Bxe7* Kryvoruchko,Y (2689)-Christiansen,J (2609) Struga 2021 Chess Informant 151 [Jacimovic, Dragoljub] 1-0*)* 12.h4 *(12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nbd4 a6 14.Qe2 Be7 15.Bd2 Na5 16.g3 Ba3 17.h4 b5 18.h5 Ne7 19.h6 g6 20.Ng5 Ng8 21.Qf3 Bc6 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.h7 Qe7 24.hxg8Q+ Rxg8 25.Nh7 Rh8 26.Bg5 Rxh7* Ozturk,M (1659)-Aydin, A (1704) Konya 2022 ½-½ (43) *)* 12...Be7 13.h5 Nh4 14.Rb1 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Qc7 16.Qg3 g6 17.Nd4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Qc3 19.Bh6 Bc6 20.Qe3 Rg8 21.Rec1 Qa3 22.Qd2 Kd7 23.Rb3 Qa4 24.Qb2 Rc7 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Bd2 a6 Paichadze, L (2515)-Zhakshylykov,E (2274) New Delhi 2023 1-0 (31)]

[10...Qc7 11.Nbxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Nc6 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.Bf4 a6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 0-0 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh6 Rce8 19.Bg5 f5 20.Re3 Qxd6 21.Rh3 Rf7 22.Bf6 Rxf6 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.f4 Nd8 25.g4 Bilych,O (2417)-Antonica,D (2321) Mamaia 2022 0-1 (34)]

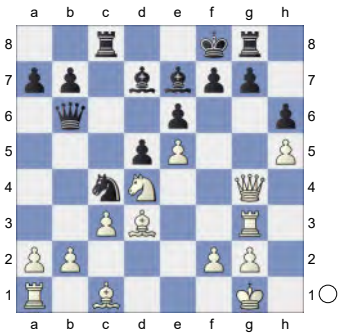
(Diagram)



11.Nbxd4± Nec6 12.h4 0.34/19
[12.Nb5± 0.90/19]
12...Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Be7 1.15/20
[13...Nc6± 0.69/18 is more appropriate.]
14.h5 h6 15.Qg4 Kf8

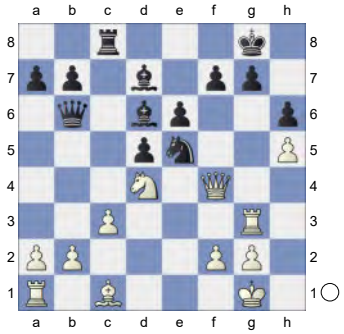


16.Re3 Black must now prevent Rg3. 0x0.001331ca8b9edp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **16...Nc4?** 3.13/24
[16...Kg8± 1.32/21 was necessary.]
17.Rg3+- Rg8

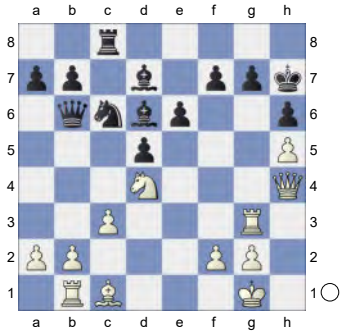


18.Bh7? 0.01/22
[White should try 18.Bxh6!+- 3.70/21 Nxe5 19.Bxg7+ Ke8 20.Qd1 Rxg7 21.Rxg7]

18...Nxe5= 19.Qf4 Bd6 20.Bxg8 Kxg8

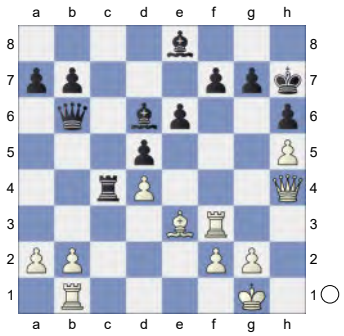


21.Qh4 Kh7 22.Rb1 Nc6 0.42/20
[22...Nc4= -0.01/20]

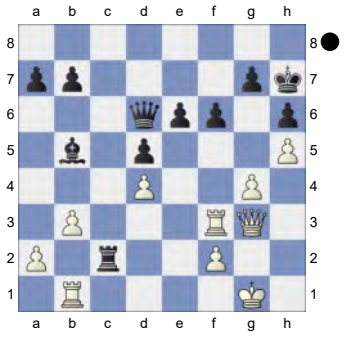


23.Rf3 -0.60/20
[23.Rxg7+!± 0.42/20 Kxg7 24.Bxh6+ Kxh6 25.Qf6+ Kh7 26.Qxf7+ Kh8 27.Qf6+ Kh7 28.Qg6+ Kh8 29.Qf6+ Kh7 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Qf6+]
23...Nxd4 -0.01/21
[23...Rf8∓ -0.60/20]
24.cxd4 -0.47/21
[24.Qxd4= -0.01/21 was preferrable. Qxd4 25.cxd4]
24...Rc4 0.01/22
[24...Be8∓ -0.47/21]
25.Be3
[25.Rxf7!? Be8 26.Qf6 Bxf7 27.Qxf7=]
25...Be8

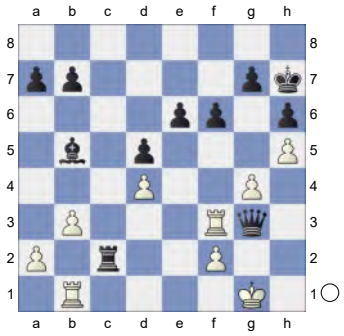
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Black has compensation. **26.b3 Rc2**
27.g4 f6 -0.09/20 Prevents g5.
[27...Qc7∓ -0.44/21]
28.Bf4 -1.48/20
[28.Rxf6!= -0.09/20 gxf6 29.Qxf6]
28...Bb5 -0.20/19
[Inferior is 28...Rxa2 29.Bxd6 Qxd6 30.Rd1∓]
[28...Bb4∓ -1.48/20 29.Be3 Be7]
29.Bxd6 Qxd6 30.Qg3 -0.99/21
[30.Re1!= 0.01/22]

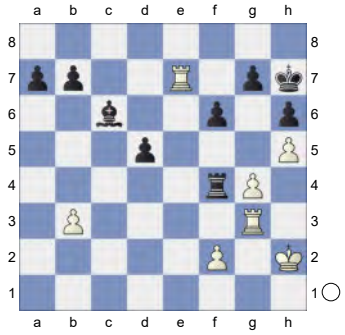


30...Qxg3+ -0.01/24
[30...Qb4!∓ -0.99/21 31.a4 Be2]

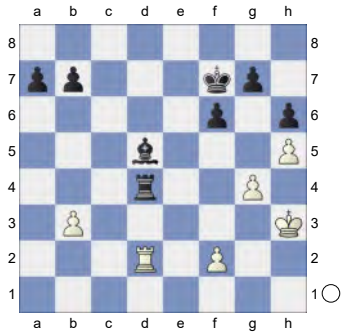


31.Rxg3 Rxa2∓ Endgame KRR-KRB

32.Re1⇄ White is not keeping still
32...Rd2 33.Rxe6 Rxd4 34.Re7 Bc6 aiming for ...Rd1+. **35.Kh2 Rf4**

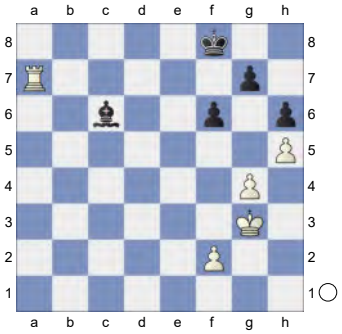


36.Re2 -1.05/24
[36.Kg2= -0.01/23]
36...d4 37.Rd2 Bd5 -0.38/24
[37...a5∓ -1.08/21]
38.Kh3 -0.91/21
[38.b4∓ -0.38/24]
38...Kg8? 0.93/23
[38...Bf3∓ -0.91/21 keeps the pressure on.]
39.Rgd3± Kf7 2.09/26
[39...f5± 1.10/23 keeps fighting.]
40.Rxd4 Rxd4

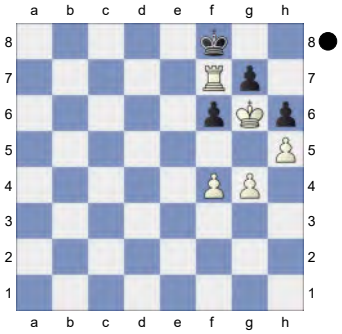


41.Rxd4 Bxb3+- 2.46/27 KR-KB
[⌓41...Be6 1.91/24 42.b4 a6]
42.Rd7+ Kf8 43.Rxb7 Be6 44.Rxa7 Bd5 45.Kg3 Bc6

(Diagram)



46.Kf4 Bd5 47.Kf5 Bf7 48.f4 Bd5? 14.17/27
[48...Kg8 2.31/30 49.Ra8+ Kh7]
49.Kg6 White threatens f5 and mate.
49...Bf7+ 50.Rxf7+

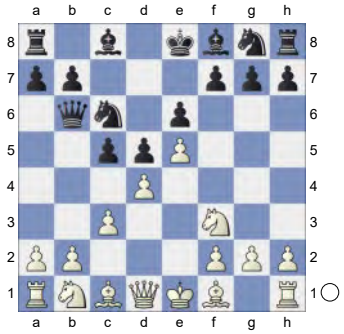


Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.54
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[John Watson]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5**
[10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nc8 is a similar position that arises in this month's game Reinecke-Ghazarian.]
10...Nc8N
[10...Nf5!? 11.Bxf5 *(11.g4* -0.09/22 11.Bxf5 0.24 *Nfe7* is weakening for White, e.g., *12.Kg2 g6! 13.hxg6 Nxg6∓)* 11...exf5 12.cxd4 Be7 13.Nc3 Be6 (a more or less standard position) 14.Re3! Rc8 *(14...g5 15.hxg6! fxg6)* 15.Ne2 0-0 16.a3± *(16.Ne1±)* 16...Na5 17.Nf4± Shevchenko,K (2599)-Bluebaum,M (2670) Lichess.org 2020]
[A game from a few days ago went 10...Rc8 11.a3 *(11.Bc2 dxc3 12.Nxc3 d4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Be4 Nd5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc4 18.Qxc4 Rxc4 19.Nc3 d4 20.Ne4 Bb4 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.exd6+ Be6 23.b3 Rc5 24.Bb2 Rd5 25.Rad1 Rxd6* Holzmann,M (2537)-Seryshev,V (2680) Finistere 2008 Telechess CBM 89 [Pierce book p30-31] ½-½) 11...a6
A) 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 *(13...Nd4 14.Bb2 Ndf5 15.Na4 Qa7 16.Nc5 Bb5 17.Bc2 b6 18.Nb3 Ba4 19.g4 g6 20.gxf5 gxf5 21.Rc1 Rc4 22.Nbd4 Bxc2 23.Rxc2 b5 24.Qd3 Rg8+ 25.Kf1*

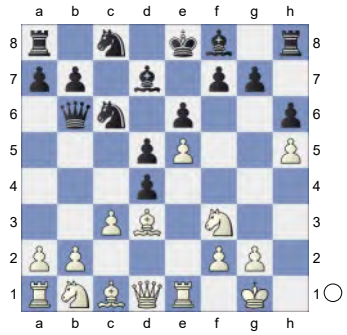
Rg4 26.Rec1 Qb7 27.Nb3 Nc6 28.Nbd2 Reindl,J (2394)-Brachtel,R (2603) Leningrad 2022 Inf 70 [John Watson] 0-1 (36)*)* 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6 16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Rab1 Qd7 18.Qg4 Rc7 19.Nh4 Rg8 20.a4 g5 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nxg6 Nxg6 23.Bxg6+ Kd8 24.Qf3 Qg7 25.Bh5 Be7 26.Qh3 Kd7 Lazic,M (2475)-Knoeppel,B (2141) Budapest 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] 1-0 (41);

B) 12.Bc2 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Na5 14.Ne2 *(14.Rb1 Nec6!? 15.b3 Bc5! 16.Rf1* Na4 is the strong threat. *Be7=)* 14...Nec6 15.b3! Against Nc4 Bc5 16.Rf1 Be7 17.Re1 -0.40/23 *(17.Bb2=* -0.02/22 *)*

B1) 17...Qc7 18.Nf4 -0.71/22 *(18.Bd2∓* -0.32/22 *)* 18...Na7! -0.26/22 *(18...Nxe5!∓* -0.71/22 *19.Nxe5 Qxc2 20.Nxd7 Kxd7 21.Nxd5 Qxd1 22.Rxd1 Ke8)* 19.Bd3= Nb5∓;

B2) 17...Qc7∓ -0.40/23 should be considered. 18.Bd2 b5;

B3) 17...Bc5 -0.01/20 18.Rf1= Be7 19.Re1 ü-ü Pap,M (2399)-Gedajlovic,M (2386) Budapest 2024]



As in the Ghazarian game, preparing to develop the f8 bishop and also intending to bring the knght to b6. There are two natural alternatives: **11.Nbd2** -0.22/19

[My engine suggests 11.a3 with the idea Be7 12.c4! 0-0 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bc2! , when Qa6 runs into the amazing 15.Nc3!! dxc3? 0.81/21 *(15...Nb6 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc4±; 15...Nb6±* 0.44/22 is superior. *16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc4)* 16.Qxd5± Rd8 17.Qe4 Inhibits Bf5. Threatening mate with Qh7+. Kf8 18.Qh7 Prevents f5. Ke8 19.Qg8+ 0.49/5 *(19.bxc3±* 1.09/21 *Be6 20.Qxg7)* 19...Bf8± 20.e6 Bxe6 21.Rxe6++-]

[⌓11.a3 0.16/20]

11...dxc3= 12.bxc3 Qc7!

[One of only two earlier games I can find went 12...Bc5?! 0.24/19 12...Qc7 -0.11 13.Rb1 Qc7! 14.Nb3! Bb6 *(14...Be7)*

A) 15.Nfd4! with the idea Nxe5? 0.87/21 *(15...0-0* 1.87/20 15...Kf8 0.53 *16.Bxh6!; 15...Kf8±* 0.42/20 *)* 16.Bf4± f6 17.Bg6+ Ke7 18.Nf3!+-;

B) 15.Nbd4? a6 *(15...Na5±)* 16.Ba3 *(16.Nxc6 Qxc6 17.Bd2±)* 16...Na5 17.Nh4!? Nc4? 0.50/22 *(17...Qxc3 18.Bb2 Qc5; 17...Qxc3=* 0.01/23 *18.Bb2 Qb4)* Mamedov,R (2654)-Burdalev,K (2359) Lichess.org 2021, and 18.Bxc4!± Qxc4 19.Qg4 Rg8 20.Rb3 would have been very awkward for Black.]

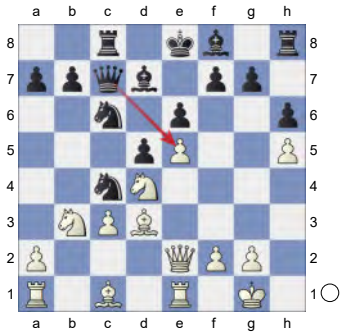
13.Nb3 Nb6 The ...Nc8-b6 manoeuvre shows it's usefulness. White has enough space and activity for a pawn, but no more. **14.Qe2 Rc8!?** Perhaps not best. An earlier game went

[14...Be7 15.a4 *(15.Bf4 Rc8)* 15...Nc4 0.01/20 *(15...Rc8* -0.30/20

was preferrable.) 16.Bxc4= (*16.Rb1=* -0.49/17 16.Bxc4 -0.01) 16...dxc4 17.Qxc4 0-0 18.Qg4 Hoping for Bxh6. Kh8= Laptii,N (2278)-Malakhatko,V (2448) Kiev 2022 here 19.Bxh6! gxh6 20.Qf4 Kh7 And now ...f5 would win. 21.Qe4+! Kg8 Strongly threatening ...f5. (*21...Kh8!? 22.Qf4 Kh7 23.Qe4+ Kh8 24.Qf4=*) 22.Qg4+ Kh8 (*22...Kh7!? 23.Qe4+ Kh8=*) 23.Qf4 Kh7= is probably best. (*23...Kg7!? 24.Qg4+ Kh8=*)]

[The engine suggests 14...Na4!∓ , e.g., 15.Bd2 (*15.c4 Nb4 16.cxd5 Nc3 17.Qd2* aiming for d6. *Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Nxd5∓*) 15...Nb2 16.Bc2 a6 17.Bc1 Na4 18.Bd2 Ba3!?]

15.Nfd4 Nc4



16.f4 -0.86/19 Loosening.

[16.Bf4!

A) 16...Be7 17.Nxc6 -0.35/19 (*17.Nb5=* -0.03/19 might be stronger. *Qb6 18.Nd6+ Nxd6 19.exd6*) 17...Qxc6∓ 18.Qg4±;

B) 16...Nxd4 17.cxd4 Be7 18.Qg4 Kf8 19.Rac1±]

[16.Nxc6∓ -0.32/19 Qxc6 17.Bf4]

16...Be7 -0.53/19

[16...Nxd4! 17.cxd4 Bb4 18.Rf1 0-0∓ -0.33/19 , e.g., (*18...a5∓* -1.00/18 Threatens to win with ...Bc3. *19.Be3 0-0*) 19.g4 -0.96/17 (*19.Bb1!∓* -0.33/19 *Ba4 20.Qd3*) 19...f6]

[16...Nxd4∓ -0.86/19 17.cxd4 Bb4]

17.Rb1∓

[17.Nxc6]

17...a6 0.03/21

[Black should try 17...Nxd4∓ -0.49/15 18.Nxd4 Bc5 19.Bxc4 dxc4]

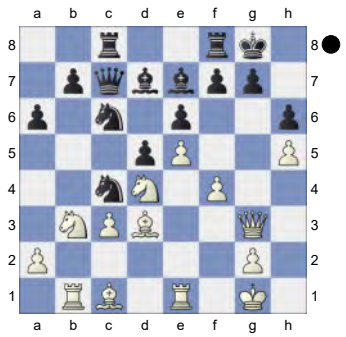
18.Qg4 -0.58/19

[18.Nxc6 Qxc6 19.Nd4 Bc5∞]

[18.f5!= 0.03/21]

18...0-0 19.Qg3

[19.Nxc6 Qxc6 20.Nd4 Bc5∓]



19...f5!↑ Black has strong initiative.

20.Qh3

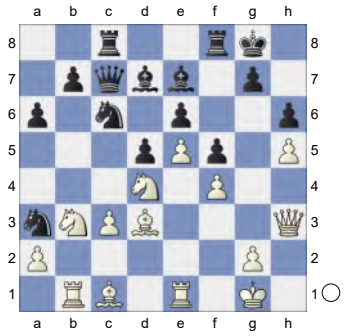
[20.exf6 Rxf6]

[20.Qg6! Nxd4 21.Nxd4 Bc5 White must now prevent ...Qa5. 22.Be3∓]

20...Na3 -0.49/19

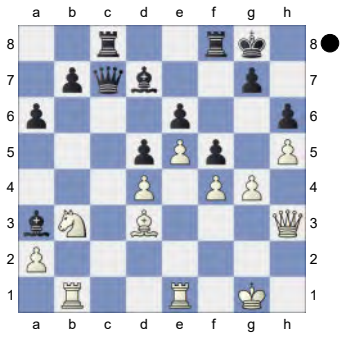
[20...Nxd4! 21.Nxd4 (*21.cxd4 Bb5∓*) 21...b5-+]

[20...Nxd4∓ -0.98/21 21.cxd4 Bb5]

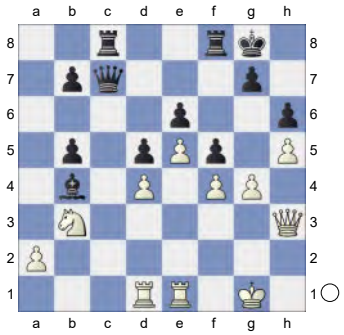


21.Bxa3 Bxa3 22.g4?! -1.57/23

[22.Ne2!]
[22.Ne2∓ -0.49/21]
22...Nxd4∓ 23.cxd4

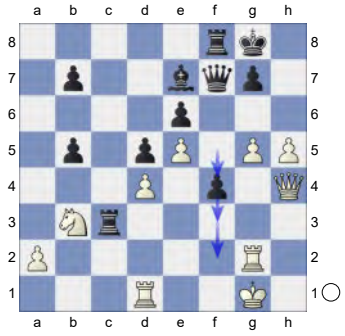


Bb5! 24.Bxb5 axb5 25.Rbd1 -2.90/21
[25.Nd2∓ -1.53/20 Qc2 26.Nf3]
25...Bb4? -1.08/22
[25...fxg4! 26.Qxg4 Rf5 27.Nc1 Qf7]
[25...fxg4-+ -2.90/21 and Black stays clearly on top. 26.Qxg4 Rf5]

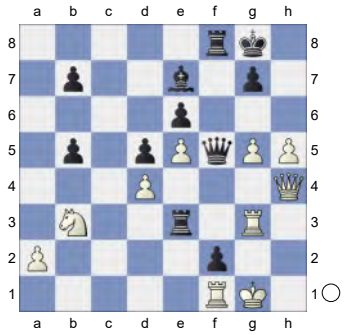


26.Re2? -1.90/22
[26.Rc1 Qf7 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Rc1 Rc4∓]
[26.Rc1∓ -1.08/22 was worth a try. fxg4 27.Qxg4]
26...Qf7! 27.Rg2
[27.Rf1 Rc3! 28.Qg2]
27...Rc3 28.Qh4 Be7 29.g5 hxg5 30.fxg5 f4

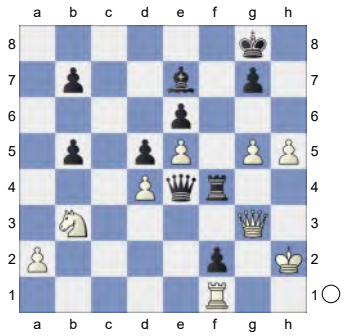
(Diagram)



31.Rf1 -3.57/21
[31.g6 -2.18/19 was called for. Bxh4 32.gxf7+ Rxf7 33.Rc1 Rxc1+ 34.Nxc1]
31...Qf5-+ 32.Nd2? -6.18/23
[32.Rff2 -3.44/20]
32...f3 Black is clearly winning. **33.Rg4 Rd3 34.Nb3 Re3 35.Rg3** -12.87/25
[⌓35.Nd2 -4.57/19]
35...f2+



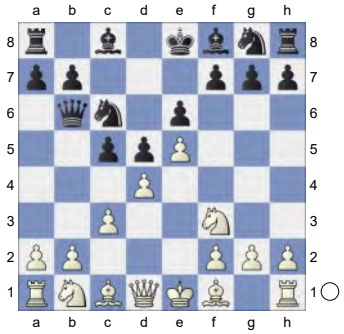
36.Kg2 Rxg3+ 37.Qxg3 Qe4+ 38.Kh2 Rf4



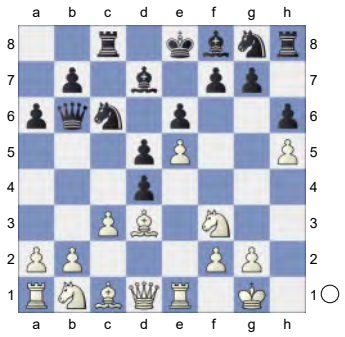
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124 **C02**
□ **Zhigalko,Sergei** **2572**
■ **Galchenko,Matvey** **2438**
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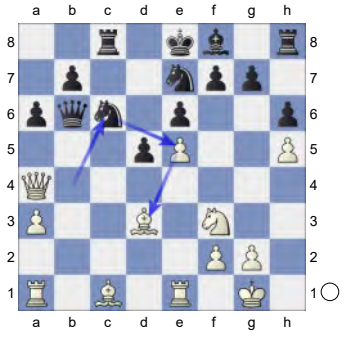
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.h4?! This has been played a lot, but Black's move in the next note casts doubt upon it. The position is equal.
[9.Nbd2 scores best here see this month's game Cheparinov-Svane.]
9...a6 9...Nge7 transposes back to the 8...Nge7 lines, but an effective move in this order is
[9...Nh6! , since the g4 square can be a great spot for this piece, after which the g4 square can be a great spot for this piece, since it is difficult to expel from that square and targets the vulnerable f2 square. . For example,
A) 10.h5?! dxc3 11.Nxc3 Ng4 12.Qe2 -0.63/19 *(12.Re2∓ -1.01/21)* 12...Nb4∓ 13.Bb1 Bc5∓;
B) 10.Ng5!? g6!? 11.Nd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 -0.72/18 *(12...Bg7= -0.20/20 13.Rb1 Qc7)* 13.Qe2∓ Bg7∓;
C) 10.Na3 -0.96/20 10.Qe2 -0.56 dxc3 11.bxc3 Ng4! 12.Qe2 -1.21/23 *(*Better is *12.Qd2* -0.88/23 *)* 12...Bc5∓ 13.Rf1 a6!∓ , e.g., 14.Nc2 Qc7 15.Bf4 f6!;
D) 10.Qe2∓ -0.53/22;
E) 10.Bxh6 -0.88/20 10...gxh6 -0.38/20 *(10...Qxb2∓* -0.88/20 *11.Nbd2 dxc3)* 11.Qd2 a6 *(11...Rg8!* -0.24/18 11...Bg7 -0.57 *12.Bxh7 Rg4!?∓)* 12.Bf1! dxc3 13.Nxc3 Bg7∓ Hamdouchi,H (2526) -Stremavicius,T (2534) Casablanca 2023]
10.h5
[10.Qe2]
10...h6
[10...Nh6!]



11.a3 Nge7 0.01/18
[11...dxc3∓ -0.43/20 was preferrable. 12.Nxc3 Bc5]
12.b4= dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4! 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6



16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Bd2 -0.62/16
[17.Rd1= 0.01/19]
17...Qd7 -0.11/20

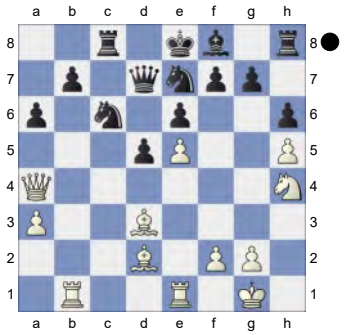
[17...Rb8∓ -0.62/16]

18.Nh4? -1.79/20

[18.Qg4!?]

[18.Qf4 -0.67/15 18.Qg4 -0.01]

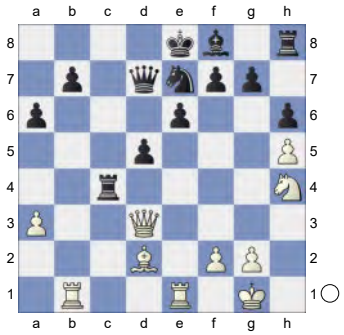
[18.Qg4= -0.11/20 and White has nothing to worry.]



Black converts the advantage convincingly. **18...Nxe5!-+** Black has three pawns for virtually no compensation, but it's a Blitz game and as so often the objective assessment doesn't matter much. **19.Qb3**

[19.Qxd7+ Nxd7]

19...Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4



21.g3 -3.22/21

[⌓21.Nf3 -1.83/20]

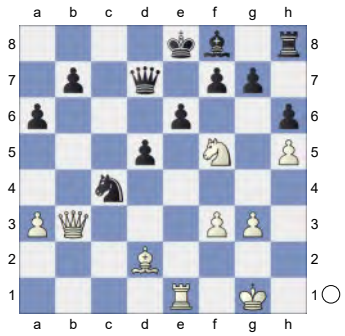
21...Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4! 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+

[24...exf5? 25.fxe4 dxe4 26.Red1-+]

25.Rxe1 Nc4

[25...exf5 26.Rxe5+ Be7 27.Bb4±]

(Diagram)



26.Bc3 -4.38/22

[26.Bb4 -3.09/20 was worth a try.]

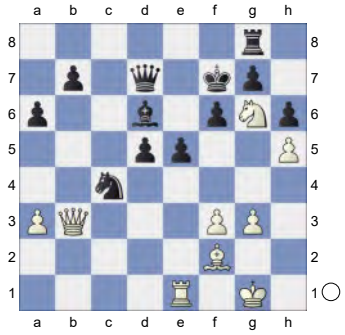
26...f6

[26...Bc5+ 27.Kh2 0-0 28.Nxg7 e5-+]

27.Bd4 Kf7 28.Nh4 e5 29.Ng6 Rg8

[29...exd4? 30.Nxh8+ Kg8 31.Ng6-+]

30.Bf2 Bd6



31.Rd1 Qc6 32.Qd3 -4.56/22

[32.a4 -3.25/19 was called for.]

32...d4

[32...Bxa3]

33.Nh4 Bxa3 34.Qg6+ Kf8 -3.09/21

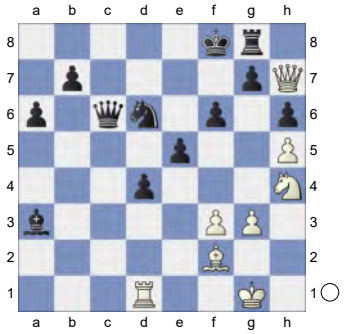
[⌓34...Ke7 -1.87/20 35.f4 Bc5 36.fxe5 Nxe5]

35.Qh7 Nd6 -1.81/19

[35...Qd5!]

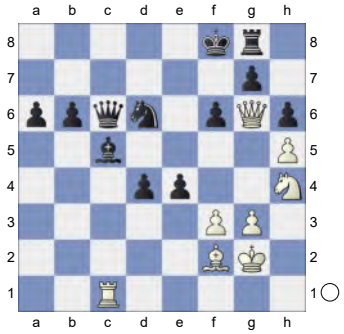
[⌓35...Qd5 -3.91/20 36.Ng6+ Ke8]

(Diagram)

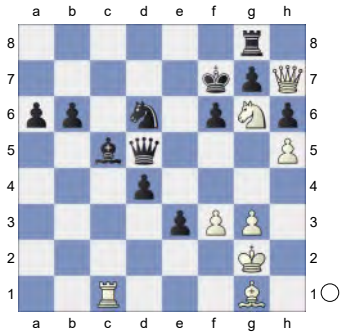


36.Ng6+? -4.24/21
[36.f4!?]
[36.f4 -1.81/19 Nc4 37.Ng6+ Kf7 38.fxe5 fxe5 39.Bxd4]
36...Kf7 37.Kg2 -5.41/21
[⌓37.Ne7 -3.72/19 Kxe7 38.Qxg8 Qxf3 39.Qxg7+ Nf7 40.Rf1]
37...Bc5 -2.63/22
[37...Rc8!-+]
[⌓37...Re8 -5.41/21 38.Nh4 Rc8]
38.Rc1 -3.78/21
[38.Qxg8+!? Kxg8 39.Ne7+ Kf7 -3.41/18 *(⌓39...Kf8 -1.97/23 40.Nxc6 bxc6)* 40.Nxc6-+ bxc6 41.Ra1 -5.28/23 *(41.Rc1 -3.42/22* is a better defense. *Nb7 42.Rb1)* 41...Ke6-+ 42.Rxa6 Kd5]
[⌓38.Qxg8+ -2.63/22 Kxg8 39.Ne7+ Kf7 40.Nxc6 bxc6 41.Rc1]
38...b6?? -0.01/23
[38...Ra8-+ -3.78/21 39.Nh8+ Rxh8! 40.Qxh8 b6]
39.Nh4?? -5.43/17
[39.Qxg8+! Kxg8 40.Ne7+=]
[39.Qxg8+!= -0.01/23 Kxg8 40.Ne7+ Kf7 41.Nxc6]
39...e4? -2.04/19
[39...Rd8 -5.43/17 40.g4 Qd5]
40.Qg6+ Kf8

(Diagram)

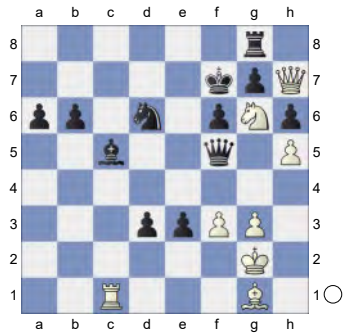


41.Qh7? -4.58/22
[41.Bxd4 -2.39/20 was the only chance. Qd5 42.Bxc5 bxc5 43.Ra1]
41...e3
[41...exf3+ 42.Kg1 Ne4-+]
42.Ng6+ Kf7 43.Bg1? -6.35/21
[43.Bxe3 -3.13/24 Re8 44.Bxh6]
43...Qd5?? 0.48/22
[43...Qd7]
[43...Re8-+ -6.35/21 44.Nf4 b5 45.Qg6+ Kf8]

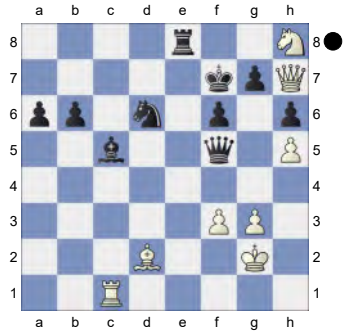


44.Nf4?? -6.40/20
[44.Qxg8+!=]
[44.Qxg8+!± 0.48/22 Kxg8 45.Ne7+ Kf7 46.Nxd5]
44...Qf5 45.Ng6 -8.64/21
[⌓45.Qg6+ -4.76/19 Qxg6 46.hxg6+ Ke7 47.Kf1]
45...d3

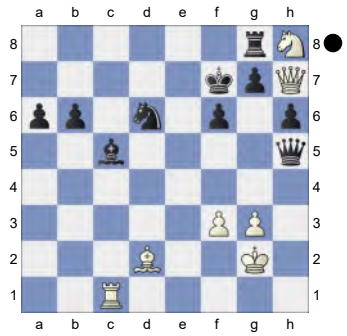
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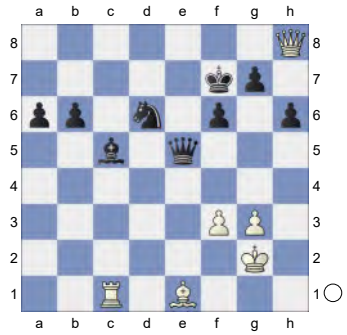
46.Bxe3 d2?
[46...Re8!-+]
47.Bxd2 Qxh5 -1.68/25
[47...Re8!]
[⌓47...Re8 -3.81/25 48.Nh8+



Rxh8! 49.Qxh8 Qd3 50.Bxh6 gxh6 51.Qxh6 a5]
48.Nh8+? -3.76/29
[48.Re1∓]
[48.Re1 -1.68/25 Re8 49.Nh8+ Rxh8 50.Qxh8]

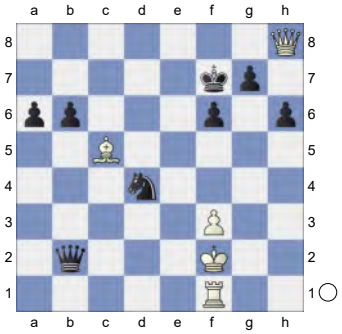


48...Rxh8! 49.Qxh8 Qd5 Prevents Qa8.
[49...Qe5 50.Re1 Qd4-+]
50.Be1 -11.81/24
[50.Bf4 -3.02/20 Qa2+ 51.Kh3 Qe6+ 52.g4]
50...Qe5? -2.75/22
[50...Nc4!]
[50...Nc4 -11.81/24 51.Rxc4 Qxc4]

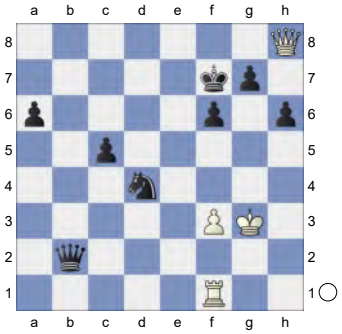


51.Bf2 Qb2 52.Rf1 Nf5 Hoping for ... Qe2. **53.Kg1?** -5.52/27
[53.Qd8 -1.62/23 is a better chance.]
53...Nxg3? -2.07/21
[53...Qe5!-+]
[53...Qe5 -5.52/27 (-> ...Qxg3+) 54.f4 Qc3]
54.Bxc5 Ne2+ Black has a decisive advantage.
[54...bxc5? 55.Qc8 Qd4+ 56.Rf2 Ne2+ 57.Kg2 Nf4+ 58.Kh1-+]
[Weaker is 54...Nxf1 55.Qf8+ Kg6 56.Qe8+ Kh7 57.Qe4+ f5 58.Qxf5+ g6 59.Qf7+ Qg7 60.Qxg7+ Kxg7 61.Bd4+ Kf7 62.Kxf1∓]
Time forfeit. Black is still winning after **55.Kf2** Qf8+ is the strong threat.
55...Nd4+N
[Avoid the trap 55...bxc5? 56.Qc8 Nd4+ 57.Kg3-+]

(Diagram)



56.Kg3 Threatens to win with Qf8+.
56...bxc5
[Don't go for 56...Ne2+? 57.Kh3 bxc5 58.Qc8-+]

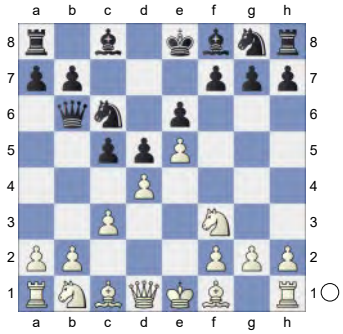


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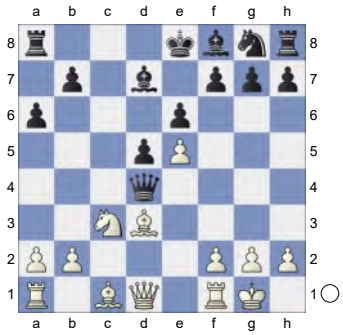
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□ **nobitski** **2625**
■ **Erfanashuriii** **2450**
Rapid 26.02.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Nc3 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.0-0 a6



11.Re1 Ne7 12.Be3
[12.Qf3 Ng6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Qf4 Qxf4 15.Bxf4 Bb4 16.Rec1 Rc8 17.a3 Ba5 18.Ne2 0-0 19.Nd4 f6 20.Nf3 Kf7 21.h3 Bb6 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.fxe3 Bb5 24.Kf2 Bd3 25.exf6 gxf6 26.Nd4 e5 Hoffmann,W (1425)-Niebler,P (1906) Nuremberg 2013 EXT 2016 [ChessBase II] 0-1 (59)]
12...Qxe5 13.Bc2N
[13.Qg4 h5 14.Qb4 Nc6 15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qxa6 Nb4 17.Qa7 Nxd3 18.Bd4 Qd6 19.Re3 Nb4 20.Be5 Qb6 21.Bxb8 Qxa7 22.Bxa7 Nc2 23.Rd1 Nxe3 24.Bxe3 Be7 25.a4 Bb4 26.a5 Bxa5 27.Bc5 Bxc3 7.e3 Bd7 8.Nc3 (2160)-Jacobson (2491) Game 9 2010 MBM Tarrasch [Machulsky,A] 0-1 (53) 28.bxc3 Kd8 29.Ra1 Kc7 30.Bd4 f6 31.Ra7+ Kc6 32.f4 Re8 33.Ra6+ Kb5 34.Rd6 Bc8 35.Kf2 Kc4 36.Ke2 e5 37.Rc6+ Kb3 38.fxe5 fxe5 39.Bf2 Kc2 40.h3

Bf5 41.Ke3 Bd3 42.Bg3 Bc4 Vazquez Torres,A (2160)-Moreno Ruiz,J (2491) Madrid 2010 CBM 140 [Moskalenko,Viktor] 0-1 (53)]

[13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Nc6 15.Rac1 Qd6 16.a3 Be7 17.Qc2 h6 18.b4 d4 19.Bd2 Bg5 20.Be4 Bxd2 21.Bxc6+ bxc6 22.Qxd2 0-0 23.Rc5 a5 24.Rec1 axb4 25.Rxc6 Qd5 26.R6c5 Qb3 27.axb4 Rfb8 Prie,E (2053)-Jourdren,K (1781) Sautron 2012 EXT 2014 [ChessBase II] 0-1]

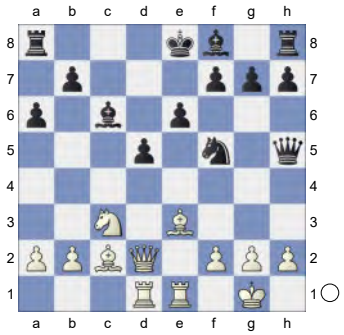
13...Bc6 14.Qd2 -0.91/18

[14.Bd4∓ -0.45/16 Qd6 15.Qh5]

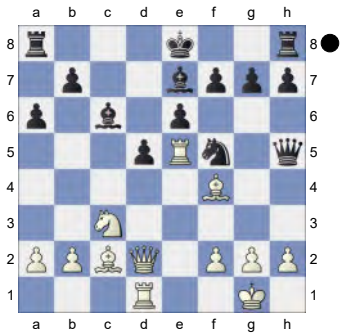
14...Qh5∓ Black is better. **15.Rad1** -1.03/19

[15.Ne2∓ -0.68/17 is superior.]

15...Nf5

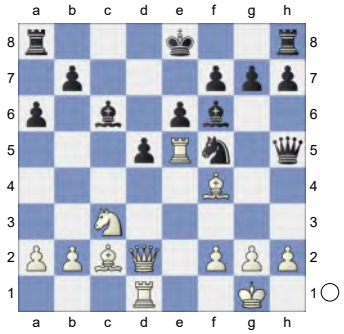


16.Bf4 Be7 17.Re5



Hoping for Bxf5. **17...Bf6!** 0.01/20

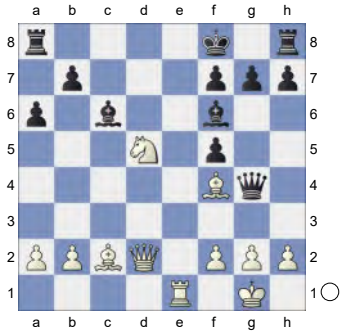
(Diagram)



18.Rxf5!= exf5 19.Re1+ Kf8 Strongly threatening ...d4. **20.Nxd5 Qg4** 0.79/22

[20...Bxb2 gets mated. 21.Qb4+ Kg8 22.Ne7+ Kf8 23.Ng6+ Kg8 24.Qf8+!! Rxf8 25.Ne7#]

[20...Qh4= -0.01/20 keeps the balance.]



21.f3± Dancing on a razor blade. **21...Qg6** 1.17/22

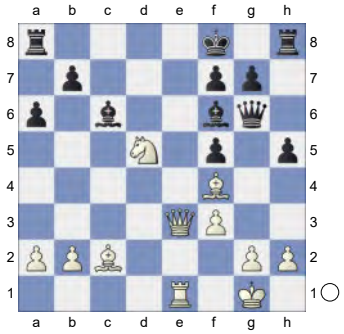
[⌓21...Qh4 0.80/25]

22.Qe3! 0x0.001331ca8b9edp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **22...h5** 1.54/21

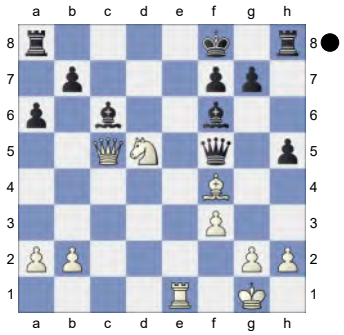
[22...Bxd5 is a self mate. 23.Bd6+]

[Better is 22...Kg8 1.09/20]

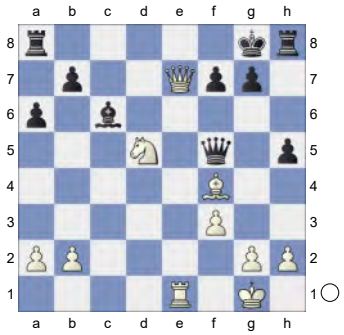
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Against g4 **23.Bxf5?** -2.66/22 **Qxf5-+** **24.Qc5+**

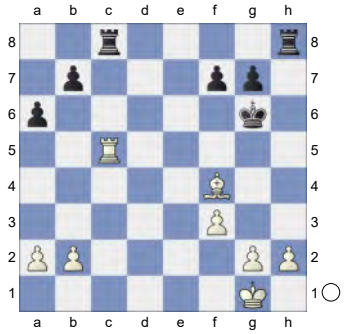


Be7! 25.Qxe7+ Kg8

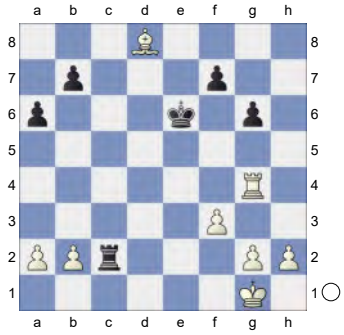


26.Qe5 Qxe5 27.Rxe5 Bxd5 28.Rxd5 Endgame KRR-KRB **28...Kh7** -1.35/21
[Black should play 28...Rc8-+ -2.57/21 Threatens to win with ...Rc2. 29.b4 Rc4]
29.Rxh5+∓ Kg6 -0.52/21
[29...Kg8∓ -1.24/22 30.Rd5 Rc8]
30.Rc5 -1.68/21
[30.Rg5+∓ -0.52/21 Kf6 31.Rg4]
30...Rac8-+

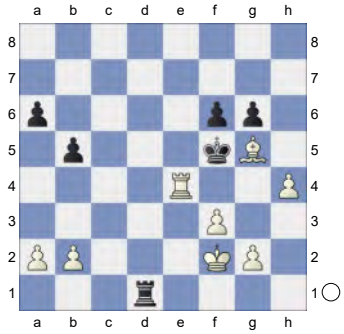
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31.Rg5+ Kf6 32.Rg4 Rc2 Inhibits Bd2.
33.Be3 Rd8?? 5.15/22
[33...Ke6-+ -1.75/19 avoids the disaster. 34.Bd4 Rc1+ 35.Kf2 Rxh2 36.Rxg7 Rc2+ 37.Kg1 Rh6]
34.Bg5++- Skewer **34...Ke6 35.Bxd8** KRB-KR **35...g6**

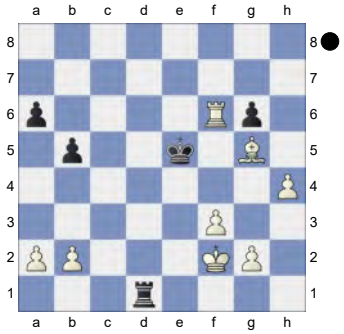


36.Rb4 b5 37.h4 Rd2 38.Bg5 Rd1+ 39.Kf2 f6 40.Re4+ Kf5



41.Rf4+ 10.99/23
[⌓41.g4# #1/6]
41...Ke5 42.Rxf6

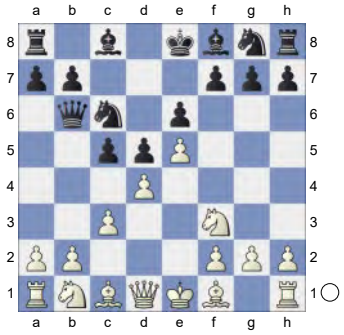
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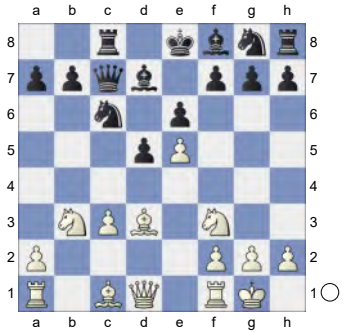
126 **C02**
□ **Carlsen,Magnus** **2813**
■ **Dominguez Perez,Leinier** **2713**
Amber-rapid 19th (9) 23.03.2010
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

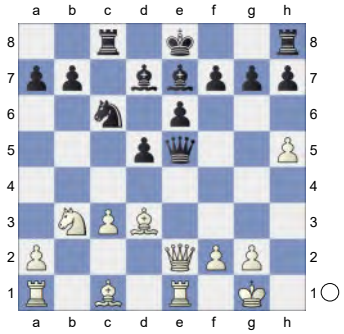


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Nbd2 -0.38/22
[8.Re1= 0.18/19]
8...Rc8 0.35/19
[Black should play 8...dxc3∓ -0.38/22 9.bxc3 f6]
9.Nb3 White is slightly better. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Qc7**

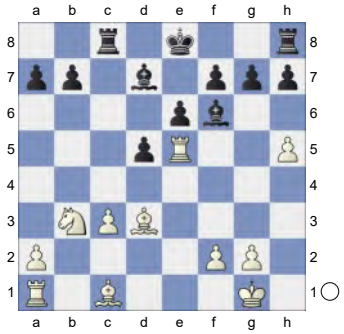
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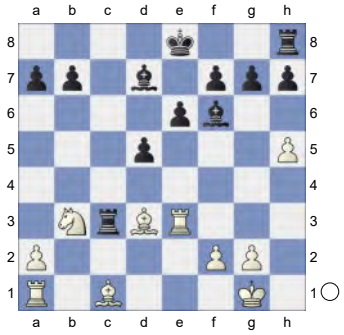
11.Re1 White has compensation. **11...Nge7 12.h4 Ng6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5** 1.62/18 White stays focused until the end. **15.Nxe5+- Qxe5**



16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bf6



18.Re3 Rxc3



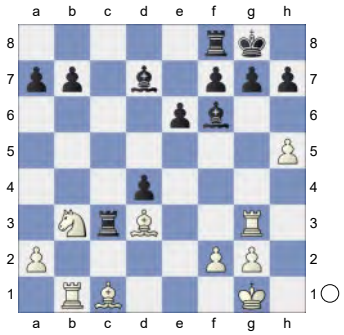
19.Rb1 d4 2.28/21

[19...Rc7± 1.54/18 20.h6 b6]

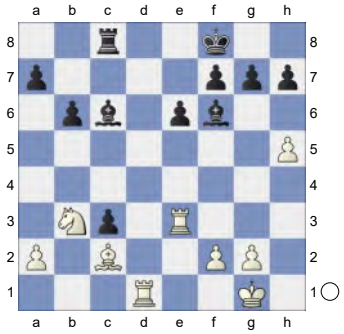
20.Rg3N

[20.Rf3 Bc6 21.Rg3 e5 22.Bd2 Rxd3 23.Rxd3 Be4 24.Nc5 Bxd3 25.Nxd3 e4 26.Nc5 e3 27.fxe3 b6 28.Ne4 Be5 29.Rb4 dxe3 30.Bxe3 Ke7 31.Ra4 Bb8 32.Bd4 Rg8 33.Kf2 f6 34.g4 Ke6 1-0 (47) Celerier,E (2321)-Gochelashvili,D (1733) (Game 34) Gibraltar 2007 (7)]

20...0-0



21.Bb2 Rfc8 22.Bxc3 dxc3 23.Rd1 Bc6 24.Bc2 Kf8 25.Re3 b6



26.Nd4 Bd5 27.a4

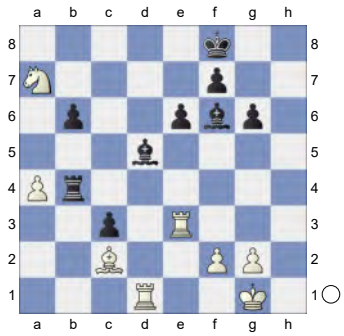
[Not 27.Bxh7 g6 28.hxg6 Bxd4 29.Rxd4 c2 *(29...Bxa2? loses. 30.gxf7 Kxf7 31.Bc2+-)* 30.g7+ Kxg7 31.Rg3+ *(31.Bxc2 Rxc2 32.a4 Kf6±)* 31...Kf6 *(31...Kxh7 32.Rh4#)* 32.Bxc2 Rxc2±]

27...g6 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Nb5 Rc4 2.84/20

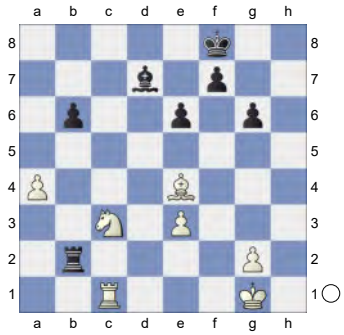
[⌓29...a6 2.02/18]

30.Nxa7 Rb4

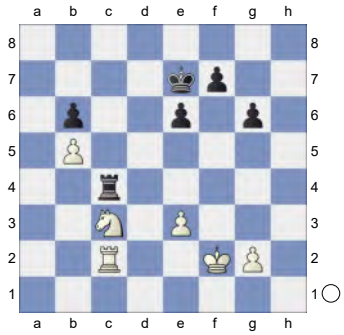
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31.Nb5 Rb2 32.Rc1 Bg5 33.Nxc3 Bxe3 34.fxe3 Bc6 35.Be4 Bd7

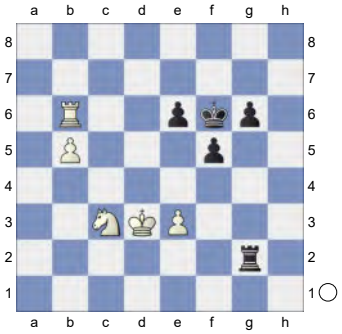


36.Bd3 Bc6 37.Rc2 Rb4 38.Bb5 Bxb5 39.axb5 Endgame. KRN-KR **39...Rc4 40.Kf2** White is clearly winning. **40...Ke7**

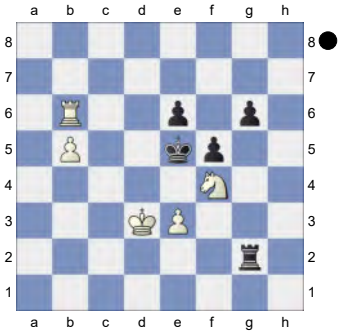


41.Ke2 f5 42.Kd3 Rb4 43.Ra2 Kf6 44.Ra6 Rb2 45.Rxb6 Rxg2

(Diagram)



46.Nd5+ Ke5 47.Nf4

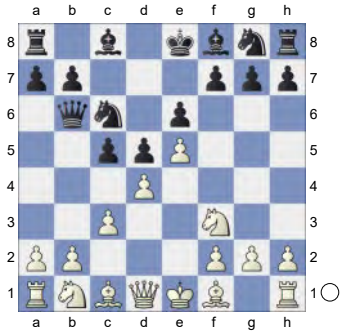


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127 **C02**
☐ **gettingseriousnow** **2599**
■ **gringo2010** **2438**
Rapid 10.01.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2 **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**

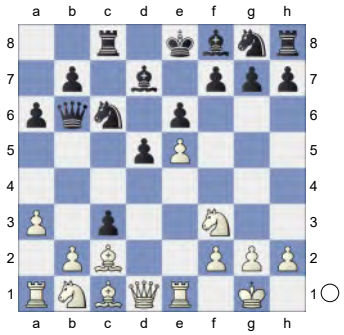
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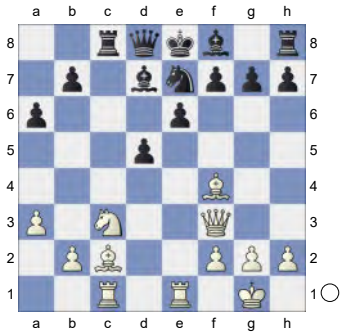
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.a3 The position is equal. **9...a6**
[9...Nge7 10.h4 g6 11.b4 Bg7 12.b5 Na5 13.Nxd4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.a4 Nd5 16.Ba3 Qd8 17.Qf3 Qxh4 18.Nd2 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Nxf4 20.Ne4 Bxe5 21.Bd6 Bxd6 22.Nxd6+ Ke7 23.Nxc8+ Rxc8 24.Rad1 Kanli,A (2492)-Buese,R (2729) Kallithea 2023 Inf 73 [John Watson] 0-1 (59)]
10.Bc2N
[10.b4 Nge7 *(10...dxc3 11.Nxc3 Nxb4 12.Na4 Bxa4 13.Qxa4+ Nc6 14.Rb1 Qa5 15.Qg4 b5 16.Bb2 Nge7 17.h4 h5 18.Qf4 Nd8 19.Rec1 Nec6 20.Bc3 Qb6 21.a4 b4 22.a5 Qxa5 23.Bd2 Qb6 24.Ng5 a5 25.Be3* Basagic,V (2320)-Wong,A (2020) Manila 1992 [ChessCalisthenics] 1-0 (40) *Qb7 26.Rb2 Be7 27.Rbc2 b3 28.Rb2 Qb4 29.Qf3 a4 30.Bd2 Qb6 31.Ra1 Ra8 32.Bc2 Qa6 33.Bxb3 Qb5 34.Bc3 Rb8 35.Bc2 Qc5 36.Rxb8 Nxb8 37.Bxa4+ Ndc6 38.Bxc6+ Nxc6 39.Qxf7+ Kd8 40.Qxe6* Mas,J (2236)-Wilson,E (2183) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (40)*)* 11.h4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nd4 13.Bb2 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Nc6 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qg5 Be7 17.Na4 Qd8 18.Qh6 Bf8 19.Qf4 Be7 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.bxc5 Na5 22.Qh6 Nb3 23.Rad1 Rxc5 24.Qg7 Rf8

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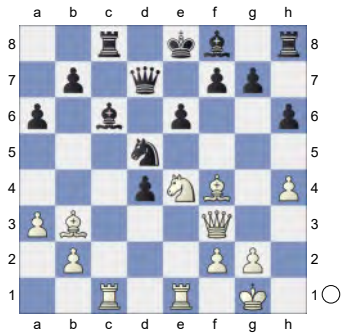
10...dxc3



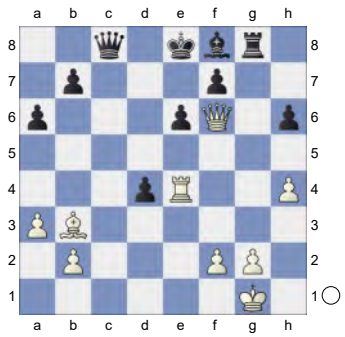
11.Nxc3 Nge7 12.Be3 Qc7
[12...Qxb2? 13.Na4 Qxa1 14.Qxa1+-]
13.Rc1 Nxe5 14.Bf4 -0.62/18
[14.Nxe5= -0.17/19 Qxe5 15.Na4]
14...Nxf3+∓ 15.Qxf3 Qd8



16.Bb3 Bc6
[Worse is 16...Qb6 17.Nxd5 Rxc1 18.Bxc1 exd5 19.Bxd5∓]
17.Bg5 -1.01/19
[17.Rcd1!∓ -0.54/17]
17...Qd7 18.h4 h6 19.Bf4 d4 -0.01/21
[19...h5∓ -1.01/19 20.Bd2 a5]
20.Ne4 -0.81/16
[20.Qh5= -0.01/21 remains equal. g6 21.Qe5]
20...Nd5 0.01/22
[20...Nf5∓ -0.81/16 And now ...Be7 would win. 21.Qh5 Kd8]

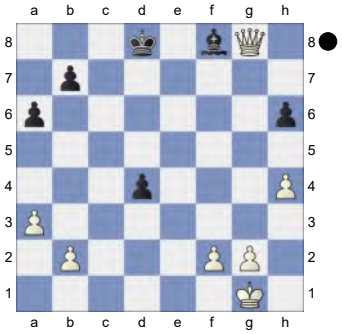


21.Be5= Nf6 1.21/21
[21...Ne7!= -0.01/19 keeps the balance.]
22.Bxf6± &Bianco is much more active.
[Much weaker is 22.Nxf6+?! gxf6 23.Qxf6 Rg8=]
22...Bxe4 23.Rxc8+
[23.Bxe6 looks sharper. fxe6 24.Rxc8+ Qxc8 25.Qh5+]
23...Qxc8 24.Rxe4
[Much worse is 24.Qxe4?! gxf6 25.Qxd4 Bg7=]
24...gxf6 25.Qxf6 Rg8 7.52/20
[25...Rh7± 0.87/20]



Loses the game. **26.Bxe6!+-** White is clearly winning. **26...fxe6**
[26...Qc1+ 27.Kh2]
27.Rxe6+ Qxe6 28.Qxe6+ Kd8 29.Qxg8

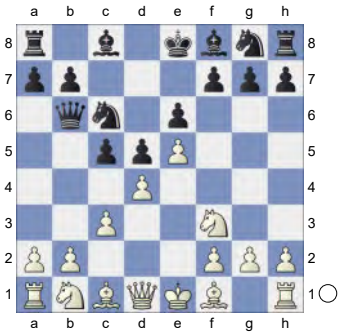
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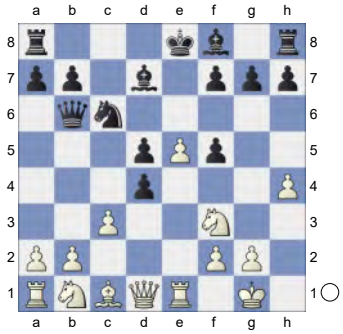
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□ **Andreikin,Dmitry** **2729**
■ **Sivakumar,Shaaketh** **2337**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



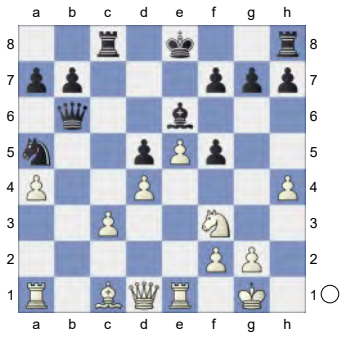
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Nf5** 0.34/20
[9...a6= 0.02/17 should be considered.]
10.Bxf5± exf5

(Diagram)

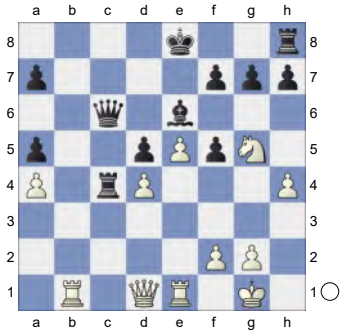


11.cxd4 Bb4N
[11...Be6 12.Nc3 h6 13.Na4 *(13.Ne2 Be7 14.h5 0-0 15.Rb1 Rfc8 16.Nf4 a5 17.Kh1 Nb4 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rg1 Qb5 20.g4 Qd3 21.Qxd3 Nxd3 22.gxf5 Nxf2+ 23.Kh2 exf5 24.Rg2 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Kf7 26.Bf4 Rc4 27.Rd1 Rac8* Piorun,K (2640)-Vastrukhin,O (2376) Warsaw 2021 [John Watson] 1-0 (74) *28.Ne1 b5 29.Re2 Ke6 30.Rd3 a4 31.b3 axb3 32.axb3 R4c6 33.Ra2 g5 34.hxg6 Rg8 35.Kf3 Rxg6 36.Ng2 b4 37.Bg3 Bg5 38.Ra4 Rc3 39.Rxc3 bxc3 40.Ra6+ Kf7 41.Ra7+ Ke8 42.Rc7 Bd2* Rasmussen,P (2640)-2. ♗g5 ♘e4 3. ♗f4 e6 (2376) Heviz HUN 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (74)*)* 13...Qb5 14.Nc3 Qb6 15.Na4 Qb5 16.Nc3 ½-½ (16) Vykouk,J (2475)-Polak,T (2502) Czech Republic 2022]
[11...Be7 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bg5 Bb4 14.Rc1 h6 15.Bd2 Be7 16.Na4 Qb5 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Nxa5 19.Rb1 Qc6 20.Nb6 Ra6 21.Bxa5 Rxa5 22.a4 Bd8 23.Qd2 Bxb6 24.Rec1 Qxa4 25.Rxb6 0-0 26.Rxb7 4.a3Ba6/ 10. Be2 (2582)-Kramer,A (2603) Cap d'Agde 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] ½-½ (31)]
12.Nc3 Be6 13.a3 0.11/20
[13.Re3± 0.55/17]
13...Bxc3= 14.bxc3 Na5 15.a4 Rc8

0.58/18
[15...0-0= 0.11/20 might be stronger.]

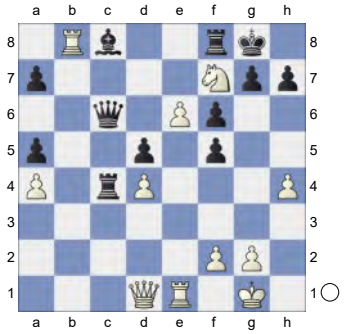


16.Ba3± **Rxc3** **17.Rb1** 0.01/20 **Qc6** 2.07/22
[17...Qd8= 0.01/20 18.Bb4 Rc4]
18.Bb4!+- **b6** 2.91/22
[⌓18...Rxf3 1.92/21 19.Qxf3 Nc4]
19.Ng5 1.48/23
[19.Bxc3 Qxc3 20.Rc1 Qb4+-]
[19.Qd2+- 2.91/22 Rc4 20.Qg5 *(20.Bxa5 bxa5 21.Rb8+ Bc8±)*]
19...Rc4± **20.Bxa5** **bxa5**

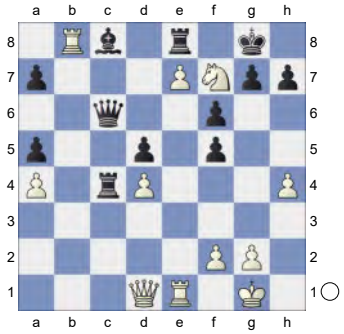


21.Rb8+ **Bc8** **22.e6** White has strong compensation. **22...f6** **23.Nf7** 0.77/22
[⌓23.Qh5+ 1.22/22 g6 24.Qh6]
23...0-0

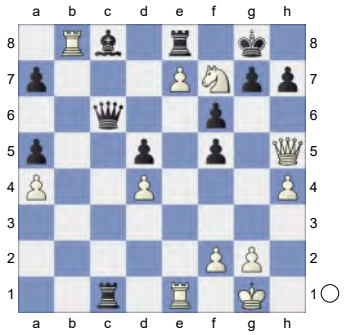
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24.e7!↑ White is on the roll. **24...Re8**

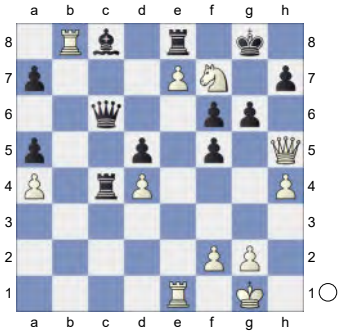


25.Qh5 -2.17/22
[25.Rxc8!± 0.97/22 keeps the pressure on. Rxc8 26.Nd8]
25...g6? 0.80/21
[25...Rc1?

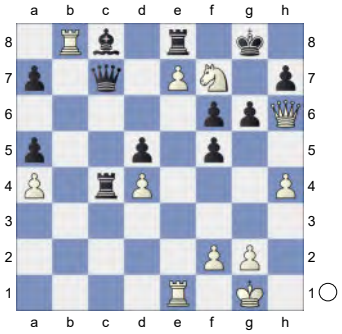


26.Nh6+! gxh6 27.Qxe8+!! Qxe8 28.Rxc1+-]
[Black should play 25...Qd7!-+ -2.17/22 26.Rb5 *(26.Nd6? Rxe7 27.Rxe7 Rc1+ 28.Kh2 Qxd6+ 29.g3 Qxe7-+)* 26...g6]

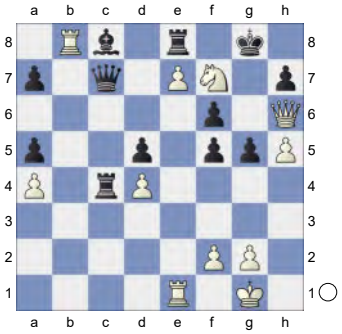
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26.Qh6 The board is on fire. &Bianco is much more active. **26...Qc7?** 18.87/27
[26...Qd7± 0.43/25 27.h5 Rxe7 28.Rxe7 Qxe7 29.hxg6 hxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kf8]

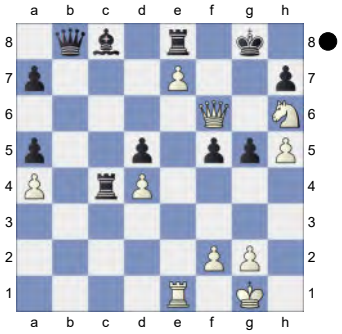


27.h5!+- g5
[27...Rxe7 28.Rxc8+]



28.Qxf6! Qxb8
[28...Qh2+ 29.Kxh2]
29.Nh6#

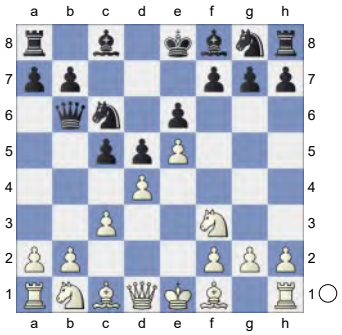
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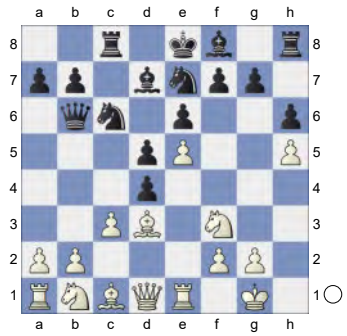
129 **C02**
□ **Yoo,Christopher Woojin** **2603**
■ **Rahman,Masruri** **2327**
Titled Tue 24. Sep Early (11) 24.09.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.h4 -0.43/20
[White should try 8.Re1= 0.16/20]
8...h6 0.10/20
[8...Nh6∓ -0.43/20]
9.Re1= The position is equal. **9...Nge7 10.h5 Rc8**

(Diagram)

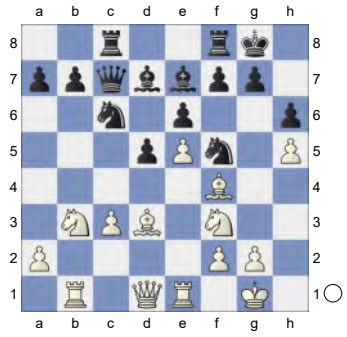


11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Nf5 13.Rb1 White has compensation. **13...Qc7 14.Nb3**

[14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Nb3 Be6 16.Nbd4 Bc5 17.Nb5 Qe7 18.Be3 0-0 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Nfd4 Rc7 21.Nxc7 1-0 Yip,C (2418)-Hou,Y (2650) Women's Speed Chess Main blitz 2022 (1.34)]

[14.c4 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Bc5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Rxb7 Qd8 19.Nxc8 Qxc8 20.Qxd7 Qxd7 21.Rxd7 Bb6 22.e6 fxe6 23.Rxe6 1-0 Maslovskiy,V (2280)-Osmonbekov,T (2109) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th Sep Late blitz 2024 (10)]

14...Be7 15.Bf4 0-0



16.Qd2 And now Bd3xf5 would win.

16...Nh4N

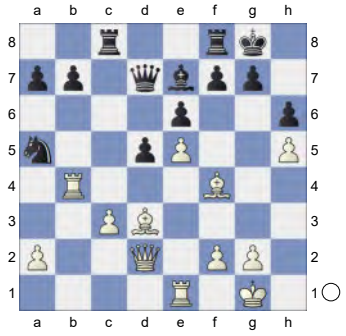
[16...Na5 17.Bxf5 Nc4 18.Qd4 Na3 19.Rbc1 Nb5 20.Qd2 Ba3 21.Rc2 exf5 22.e6 Bd6 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.exd7 Qxd7 25.Rcc1 Rfd8 26.Nbd4 Nd6 27.Qf4 Qa4 28.Nh4 Rc4 29.Qe5 Ne4 30.Nhxf5 f6 31.Qe6+ 1-0 (37) Chekhov,V (2059)-Mollamustafaoglu,O (1530) Srbija (ch) 114/(202) 2012 (2) Kh8 32.f3 Ng5 33.Qe7 Rg8 34.Nxh6 Rxc3 35.Nhf5 Rxc1 36.Rxc1 Qxa2 37.Rc8 1-0 Mrudul,D (2059)-Natura,B (1530) IND-ch U19 Girls 2023 (2)]

17.Nxh4 Bxh4 18.Nc5 Na5 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Rb4? -1.34/19

[20.g3± 0.66/21]

20...Be7? 2.44/22

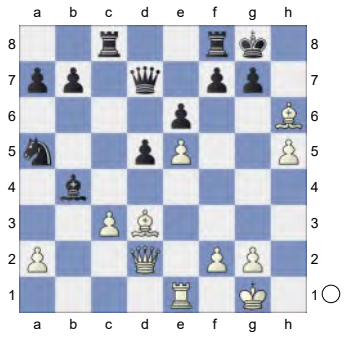
[20...f5!∓ -1.34/19 and life is bright. ... Bh4-e7 is the strong threat. 21.Bxh6 Be7]



This costs Black the game. **21.Bxh6!+- Bxb4?** 6.37/24

[21...gxh6? 22.Qxh6 f5 23.Rg4++- *(23.exf6 Bxf6+-; 23.exf6 Bxf6+-)*]

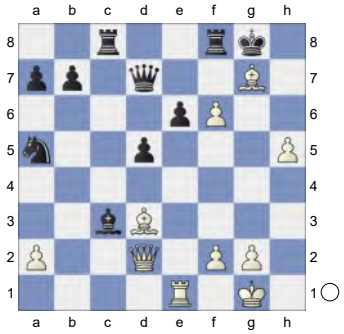
[21...f5 2.26/20]



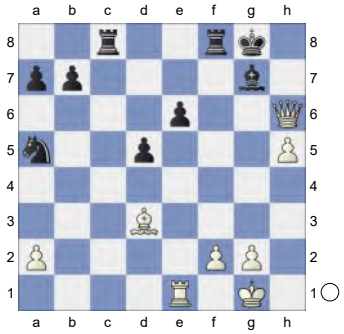
22.Bxg7! Intending Qd2-g5 and mate. A strong pair of Bishops.

[22.Qg5 f5 *(22...Bxc3 23.Qxg7#; 22...f6? 23.Qg6∓)* 23.cxb4 Nc6-+]

22...f5 23.exf6 White threatens Qd2-h6! and mate. **23...Bxc3**

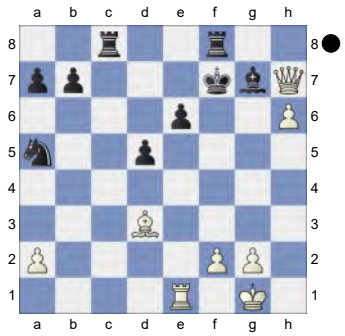


24.Qh6 Qxg7
[24...Rxf6 25.Qh7+]
25.fxg7 White mates. **25...Bxg7**



26.Qh7+ Kf7 27.h6 11.29/17
[⌓27.Qg6+ #10/16 Kg8 28.h6 Pin *(28.Rxe6 Rf7 29.h6* Pin *Kf8 30.hxg7+ Rxg7 31.Rf6+ Kg8 32.Qf5 Rc1+ 33.Kh2 Rxg2+* Decoy *34.Kxg2 Rg1+ 35.Kxg1 Kg7 36.Rg6+ Kh8 37.Qh5#)* 28...Rf7 29.hxg7 Rxg7 30.Qxe6+ Rf7 31.Qxc8+ Kg7 32.Re8 Re7 33.Qg4+ *(33.Rxe7+ Kf6 34.Qf8+ Kg5 35.Qg8+ Kh6 36.Rh7#)* 33...Kf6 34.Qf5+ Kg7 35.Qg6#]

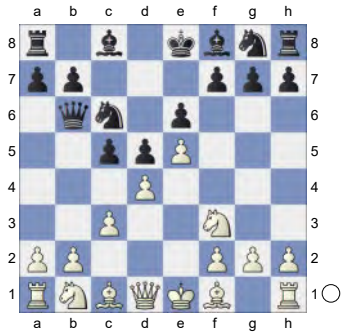
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1-0

130 **C02**
□ **hansmonkeniemann** **2616**
■ **bahram28854** **2385**
Rapid 03.10.2022
[Kitty Kat]

Blitz 10min
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



6.Bd3 Nge7
[6...cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 *(8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Qxf3 Ne7 11.Nb3 Nc6 12.Qg3 g6 13.Be3 Qc7 14.f4 b6 15.Rac1 Qb7 16.Qf2 h5 17.a3 Na5 18.Nxa5 bxa5 19.Qd2 Be7 20.Qxa5 Bd8 21.Qd2 Bb6 22.Bxb6 Qxb6+* Kulich,F (2028)-Kedrzynski,A (1462) Jaen Liptovsky 2023 1-0 (59)*)* 8...Nge7 9.h4 a6

10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Nf8 15.Rb1 h6 16.c4 Nb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nfd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bg4 20.Bd2 Ne6 21.Qg3 Corominas Garrido,A (2389)-Reichardt,J (2204) corr Cuba 2023 CB on-line [John Watson] 1-0]

7.0-0 0.18/20

[7.dxc5± 0.52/16 should be considered. Qxc5 8.0-0]

7...Ng6 8.h4N

[8.Na3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bxa3 10.bxa3 0-0 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Bg5 h6 13.Be3 Bd7 14.Qc2 Be8 15.h4 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Rfc1 Rb8 18.h5 Nf4 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Ne5 Nxh5 21.Bg6 Bxg6 22.Nxg6+ Kg8 Dresel,E-Pillsbury,H Boston 1892 [ChessCalisthenics] 0-1 (43) 23.Ne5 Rc8 24.Qd1 Nf4 25.Qc2 Rcf8 26.g3 Nh3+ 27.Kg2 Rxf2+ 28.Bxf2 Rxf2+ 29.Qxf2 Nxf2 30.Kxf2 Qd6 31.Nxc6 bxc6 32.Rb3 h5 33.Kg2 e5 34.dxe5 Qxe5 35.Rxc6 d4 36.Rc8+ Kh7 37.Rc1 d3 Dressel,R (2125)-Meister, G (1931) BdF 1999 Kommentierte Partien2024 [Junior 5.0 (70s)] 1-0 (43) 38.Rf1 Qe2+ 39.Rf2 Qe4+ 40.Kh3 Qh1+ 41.Rh2 Qf1+ 42.Kh4 Kh6 43.Rb5 g5+ 0-1 (43) Fenil,S-Ramirez, J ICCF 1892 200 Traps In The Opening [lainMackintosh]]

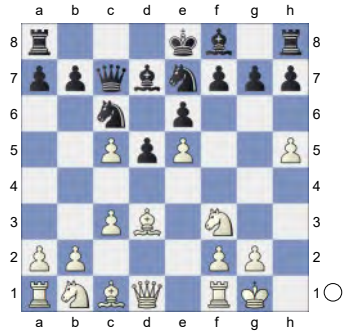
8...Bd7 0.82/19

[8...cxd4± 0.44/18 was preferrable. 9.cxd4 Bd7]

9.h5± Nge7 White is better. **10.dxc5 Qc7** 1.44/18

[Black should play 10...Qxc5 0.93/20 11.Qb3 Na5]

(Diagram)

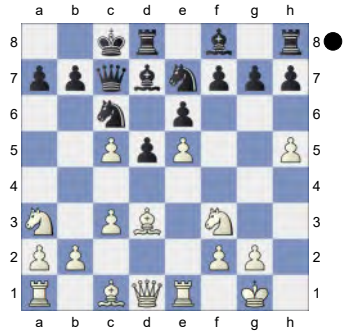


11.Re1 &Bianco is more active.

11...0-0-0 2.20/20

[11...a6± 1.44/17 12.Na3 h6]

12.Na3+-

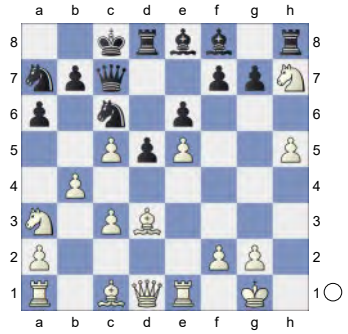


aiming for Nb5. **12...a6** Prevents Nb5.

13.b4 Na7 14.Ng5 Be8 15.Nxh7

[15.Bxh7 Nec6 16.Bf4 g6 17.Bxg6 fxg6±]

15...Nec6



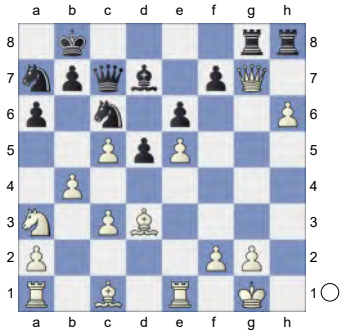
16.Nxf8 Rxf8 17.Qe2 Kb8 18.Qg4 Rh8 19.Qxg7 Bd7 4.92/20

[19...Rxh5 3.17/19 was necessary. 20.Be2 Qxe5 21.Qxe5+ Rxe5]

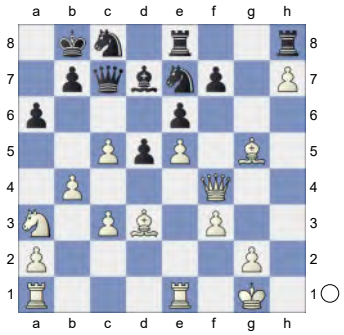
20.h6 White is clearly winning.

20...Rdg8

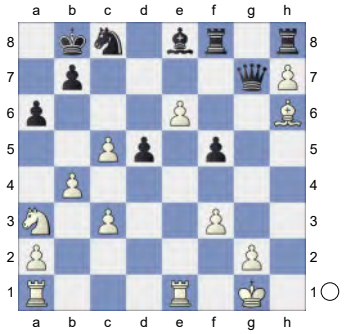
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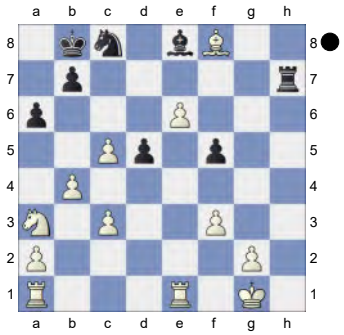
21.Qf6 Qd8 22.f3 Ne7 23.h7 Re8 24.Bg5 Nac8 25.Qf4 Qc7



26.Qxf7 Ref8 27.Qg7 Be8 28.Bh6 Nf5 29.Bxf5 exf5 30.e6 Qxg7



31.Bxg7 Rxh7 32.Bxf8

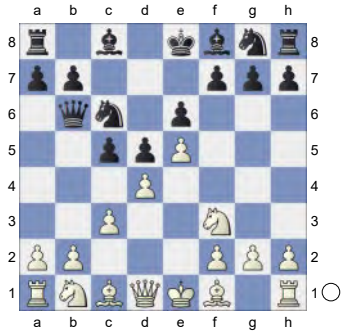


Black did not feel at home in the position after the opening.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.44
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131 **C02**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Sivakumar,Shaaketh** **2306**
Titled Tue 29. Oct Late (9) 29.10.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Nc8** 0.65/20

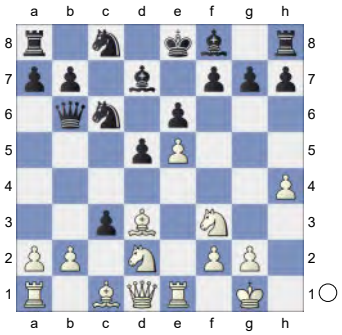
[Better is 9...Rc8= 0.15/19]
[9...a6 10.h5 *(10.a3 Rc8 11.Qd2 h6 12.Qf4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Na5 14.Be3 Qd8 15.g4 g6 16.Qf6 Rg8 17.Rad1 Nc4 18.Bc1 Nxa3 19.Nd2 Nb5 20.Bxb5 axb5 21.Nde4 dxe4 22.Nxe4 Nd5 23.Rxd5 Be7 24.Bxh6 Bxf6* ½-½ (48) Proenca,A (1963)-Malinovsky,J (2094) CUB corr Cuba 1993 (8.7)*)* 10...g6 11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 Ne7 24.f5 1-0 (39) Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid

Almaty 2022 (9)]

10.Nbd2N 0.07/17 White is more active.

[10.a3± 0.65/20 a5 11.Nbd2 Be7 12.Qc2 h6 13.Nb3 dxc3 14.bxc3 0-0 15.Rb1 Qc7 16.Nbd4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bxh4 18.Bb5 Bc6 19.Qe2 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 Qe7 21.Qg4 Kh8 22.g3 f5 23.Qxh4 Qc5 24.Be3 Qc6 25.Nd6 1-0 (56) Fryar,J (1556)-Vaatainen,T (1740) 110/(172) Plovdiv 2010 (15) Nxd6 26.exd6 Qxd6 27.Bd4 Qd7 28.Qxh6+ Kg8 29.Qxe6+ Qxe6 30.Rxe6 Rfe8 31.Rbe1 Rxe6 32.Rxe6 Kf7 33.Rb6 Rb8 34.Be5 Re8 35.f4 Re7 36.Rb5 a4 37.Rxd5 g6 38.Ra5 b6 39.Rxa4 g5 40.Rb4 1-0 (56) Sivanandan,B (1556)-Subramanian,A (1740) UK-ch Blitz (Women) 2022 (15)]

10...dxc3=



11.bxc3 Qc7 12.c4 aiming for c4xd5.

12...Nb6 0.66/19

[12...Nb4!= -0.05/18 13.Bf1 dxc4]

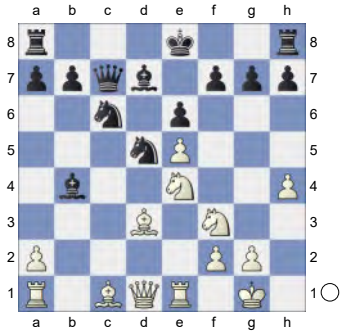
13.cxd5!± Nxd5 14.Ne4 -0.10/21

[14.Bb2!± 0.80/18]

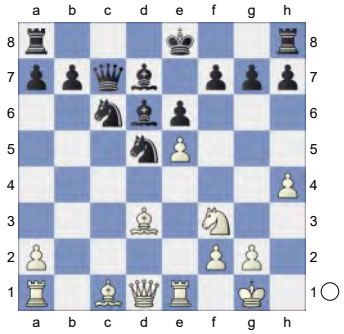
14...Bb4 0.32/20

[14...Nxe5= -0.10/21 15.Nxe5 Qxe5]

(Diagram)



15.Nd6+! -0.09/19 **Bxd6=**



16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Bb2

[17.Ng5 is interesting. h6 18.Qh5 0-0 19.Nh7]

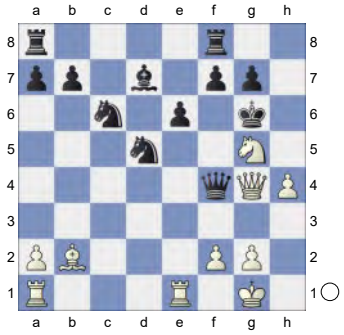
17...0-0 18.Bxh7+ Decoy **18...Kxh7 19.Ng5+ Kg6!** Strongly threatening ...f7-f5.

[Weaker is 19...Kg8 20.Qh5 Nf6 21.Bxf6 Qd3 22.Re4]

20.Qg4 Ng5-h7+! would kill now.

20...Qf4? 10.47/16

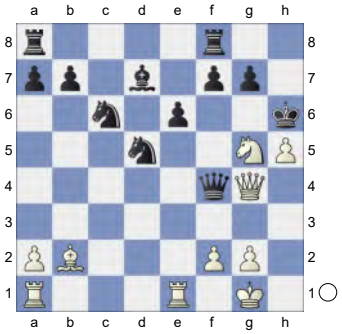
[20...e5= -0.09/15 21.Qg3 Kh6]



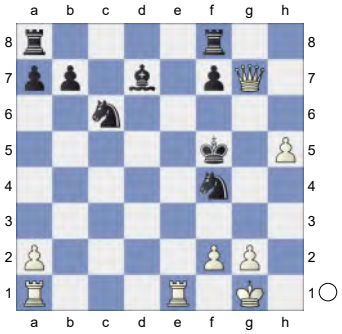
Black cannot hold the game after this.

21.h5+!+- Kh6

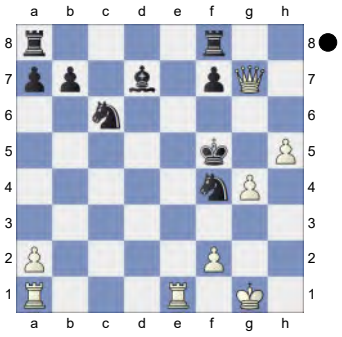
(Diagram)



22.Bxg7+! Decoy **22...Kxg7 23.Nxe6+** Discovered Attack (Double Check), Double Attack **23...Kf6 24.Qg7+**
[24.Nxf4? perishes. Bxg4 25.Nxd5+ Kg7-+]
24...Kf5 25.Nxf4 Nxf4



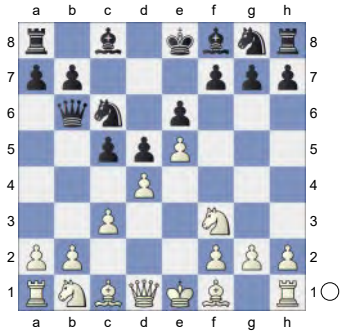
26.g4#



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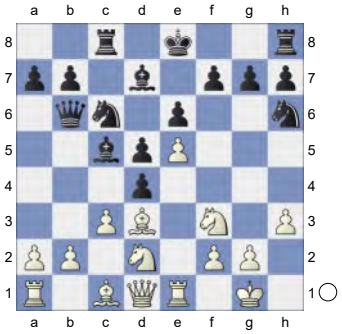
132 **C02**
□ **Tsolakidou,Stavroula** **2337**
■ **Tan,Zhongyi** **2510**
'the Belt and Road'5. Shanxi World Wom..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

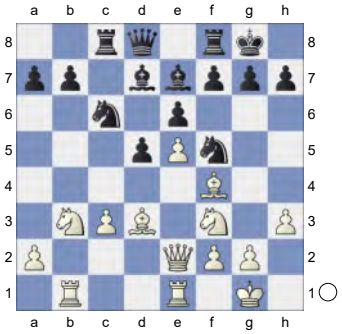


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.h3 The position is equal. **9...Rc8N**
[9...Nf5 10.Nbd2 Be7 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 a5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Bxf5 exf5 15.Nbd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 0-0 17.e6 fxe6 18.Nxe6 Bxe6 19.Rxe6 Rad8 20.Qe2 Bc5 21.Bg5 Rd7 22.Qf3 b6 23.Bf4 Qd8 24.Rbe1 Ranniku (2306)-Safyanovsky,M (2110) Novi Sad 2023 Inf11 [John Watson] 1-0]
[9...Be7 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8 20.g5 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7 24.Bxg6 Mamedov,R (2654)-Bluebaum,M (2672) chess24.com INT 2020 [John Watson] 1-0 Bxd6 25.Bh7 1-0 (25) Mercado Florez,D (2654)-Chaudagne,C (2672) 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A]]
10.Nbd2 Bc5 0.46/20

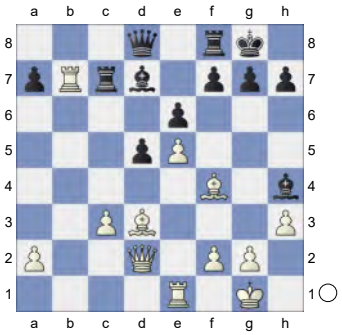
[10...Nf5= -0.12/19]



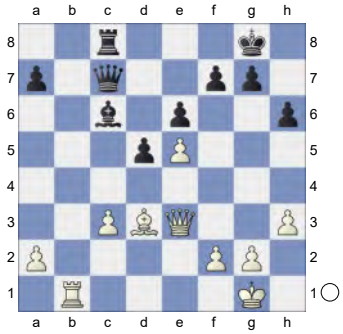
11.Qe2 -0.09/20
[11.Rb1± 0.46/20]
11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Nf5 13.Nb3 Be7 14.Rb1 0-0 15.Bf4 Qd8



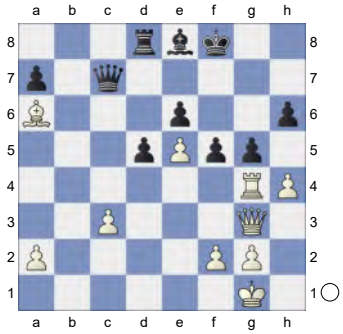
16.Qd2 -0.39/18
[16.Bxf5= 0.14/19 exf5 17.Nfd4]
16...Nh4 -0.08/21
[16...b6∓ -0.39/18]
17.Nxh4= Bxh4 18.Nc5 Na5
[18...b6!? 19.Nb7 Qe7=]
19.Nxb7 Nxb7 20.Rxb7 Rc7



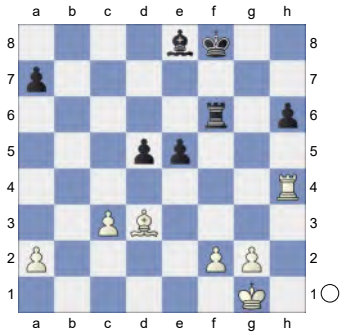
21.Reb1 Bc6 22.Rxc7 Qxc7 23.Bg5 Bxg5 24.Qxg5 h6 25.Qe3 Rc8
(Diagram)



26.Rb4 Be8 27.Ba6 Rd8
[27...Qxc3? 28.Qxc3 Rxc3 29.Rb8+-]
28.Rg4 Kf8 29.Qg3 g5 30.h4 f5

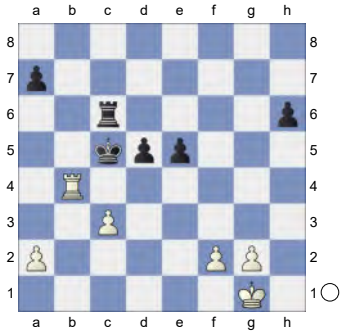


31.exf6 Qxg3 32.Rxg3 gxh4±
Endgame KRB-KRB **33.Rg4 Rd6! 34.Bd3 e5! 35.Rxh4 Rxf6**

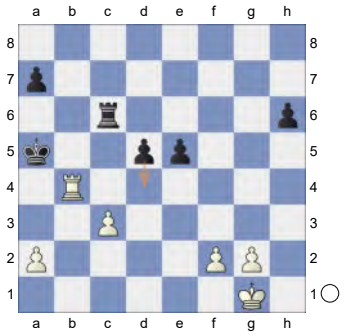


36.Bc2 Ke7 37.Bb3 Bc6 0.01/19
[37...Kd6!∓ -0.32/22]
38.Rb4 -0.41/22
[38.f3= 0.01/19]
38...Kd6∓ 39.Ba4 Kc5 And now ...d4 would win. **40.Bxc6 Rxc6∓**

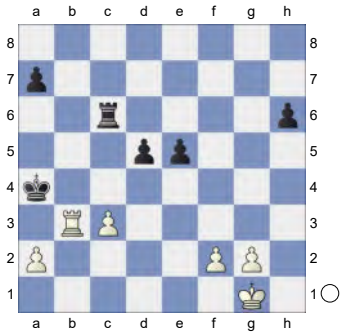
(Diagram)



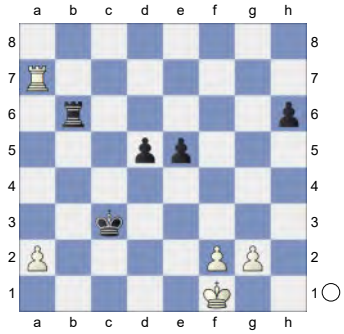
KR-KR **41.Ra4 Kb5** -0.25/21
[41...h5∓ -0.68/20]
42.Rb4+= Ka5



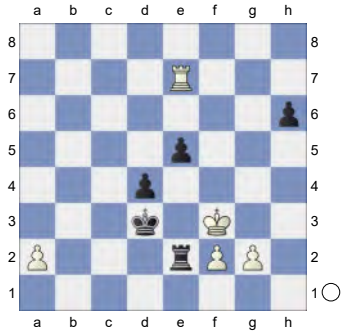
...d4! is the strong threat. **43.Rb3 Ka4 44.Rb4+ Ka5 45.Rb3 Ka4** -0.01/19
[Black should play 45...Rc5∓ -0.59/20]



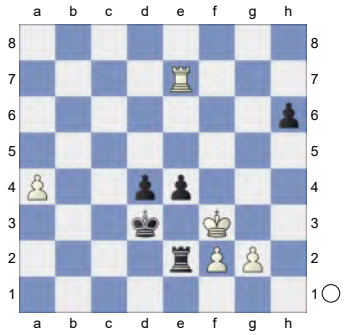
46.Rb4+! Ka3! 47.Rb5 Rd6 48.Ra5+ -1.31/5
[48.Kf1∓ -0.70/23]
48...Kb2∓ 49.Rxa7 -1.98/23
[49.Kf1 -1.64/23 was worth a try.]
49...Kxc3-+ 50.Kf1 Rb6 -1.38/24
[50...Kd2-+ -2.59/24 Threatens to win with ...Rc6. 51.Re7 e4]



51.Ke2∓ Rb2+ 52.Kf3 d4 53.Rc7+? -3.44/21 White does not recover from this.
[53.Rh7∓ -1.22/22 was necessary.]
53...Kd3-+ 54.Re7 Re2

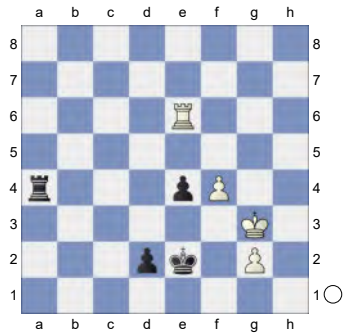


Hoping for ...e4+. **55.a4 e4+**

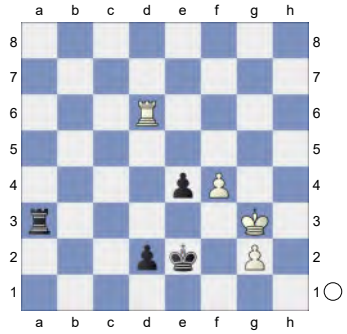


56.Kg3 Ra2 57.Re6 -5.15/23
[⌓57.a5 -3.64/21 h5 58.a6 Rxa6 59.Re5]
57...Rxa4 Strongly threatening ...h5.
58.Rxh6? -11.72/21
[58.Kf4 -2.90/21 Ra8 59.g4]
58...Ke2 59.Re6 d3 White must now prevent ...d2. **60.f4 d2**

(Diagram)



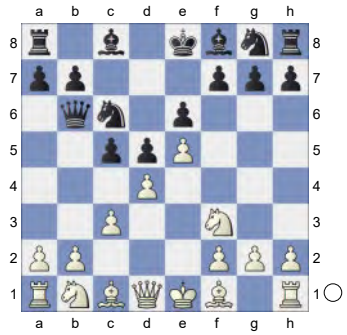
61.Rd6 Ra3+



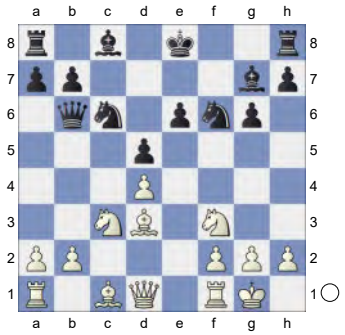
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133 **C02**
□ **Domingo Nunez,Alejandro** **2335**
■ **Yuffa,Daniil** **2602**
Alicante Easter op 7th (9) 10.04.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

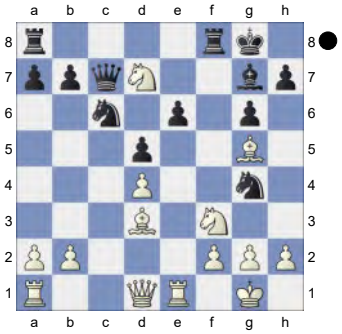


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 f6 0.79/19
[7...Bd7= 0.00/18 8.Nbd2 Rc8 9.Nb3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Re1 Nge7 12.h4 Ng6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bf6 18.Re3 Rxc3 19.Rb1 d4 20.Rg3 0-0 21.Bb2 Rfc8 22.Bxc3 dxc3 Carlsen,M (2813)-Dominguez Perez,L (2713) Nice 2010 CBM 138 [Karolyi,Tibor] 1-0 (47)]
8.cxd4± g6N
[8...Bd7 9.Nc3 0-0-0 10.Bd2 Nh6 11.Rc1 Nf7 12.b4 a6 13.b5 axb5 14.Nxb5 fxe5 15.Rb1 Na7 16.Qa4 Bxb5 17.Bxb5 Nxb5 18.Rxb5 Qa6 19.Rc1+ Kd7 20.Rxb7+ 1-0 (20) Norgaard,N (1705)-Schlotthauber,W (2088) Groningen 2023 Inf55 [John Watson]]
9.exf6 White is better. **9...Nxf6 10.Nc3 Bg7**

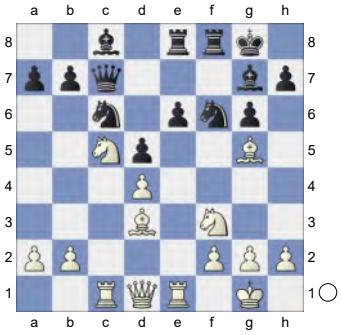


11.Re1
[11.Kh1 0.30/18 11.Na4 0.77 0-0 12.Be3 -0.03/17 *(12.h3± 0.40/16)* 12...Qxb2= 13.Nb5 Qb4 14.Nc7 -0.43/21 *(14.Rb1= 0.13/17 Qa5 15.Qc2)* 14...Rb8∓ 15.Bf4 -1.17/20 *(15.h3= -0.18/18* remains equal.*)* 15...Nh5 -0.73/20 *(* Black should try *15...Ne4 -1.17/20 16.Qc1 Bd7)* 16.a3 -2.02/18 *(16.Be3∓ -0.73/20* might work better. *)*]
11...0-0 12.Na4 Qc7 13.Bg5 -0.36/20
[White should play 13.h3!± 0.66/21]

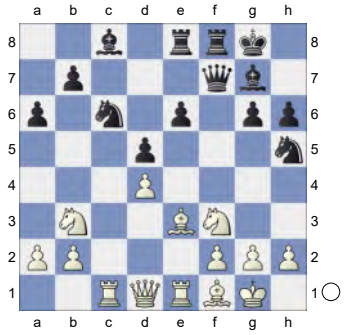
13...Bd7 0.63/19
[Better is 13...Ng4∓ -0.36/20 14.h3 Nxf2! 15.Kxf2 Nxd4]
14.Nc5 -0.24/21 is the legacy move (14. Ba3). ist old school (14.La3).
[14.h3!± 0.63/19]
14...Rae8 0.96/19
[14...Ng4= -0.24/21 keeps the balance. 15.Nxd7



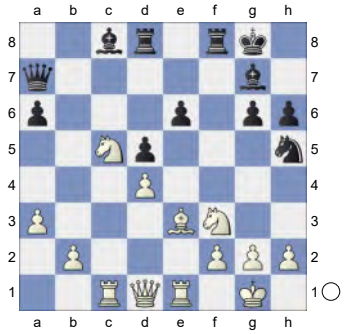
Rxf3!]
15.Rc1 -0.04/20
[15.Bxf6± 0.96/19 Rxf6 16.Bb5]
15...Bc8 1.13/20
[15...Ng4= -0.04/20 16.Nxd7 Rxf3]



16.Bh4↑ Keeping Black busy. **16...Nh5** 1.60/18
[⌓16...a6 1.01/18]
17.Bf1 0.43/19
[17.Bb5± 1.60/18]
17...Qf4 1.45/20
[17...Rxf3± 0.43/19 18.Qxf3 Bxd4]
18.Bg5 Qf7 19.Nb3 0.01/21
[19.Bb5± 1.53/18]
19...h6 0.89/21
[19...e5= 0.01/21 20.dxe5 Bg4]
20.Be3 Black is now going downhill.
20...a6 1.71/21
[20...e5± 1.11/19 is a better defense.]

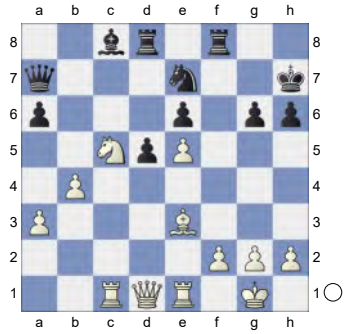


Prevents Bb5. **21.Bxa6+-** **Nb4** 2.81/21
[21...e5± 1.49/20]
22.Bb5 Rd8 23.a3 Na6 24.Bxa6 bxa6 25.Nc5 Black must now prevent Nd3.
25...Qa7 3.02/20
[⌓25...g5 1.80/17 26.Nd3 Nf6]

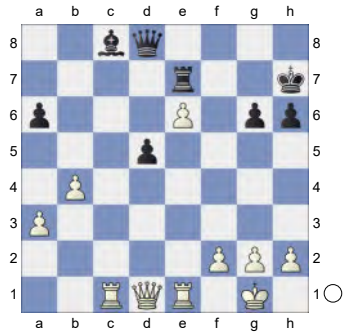


26.Nd3 Nf6 27.Nfe5 Kh7 28.Nc5 Pair of Knights! **28...Ng8 29.b4 Bxe5 30.dxe5** Threatens to win with Nxe6!
30...Ne7? 8.43/22
[30...Qg7 2.95/20 31.Nb3 Rf7]

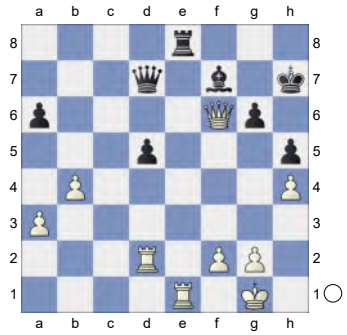
(Diagram)



31.Nxe6! White is clearly winning. **31...Qd7** Vorgänger: **32.Nxf8+ Rxf8 33.Bc5 Re8 34.e6 Qd8 35.Bxe7 Rxe7**

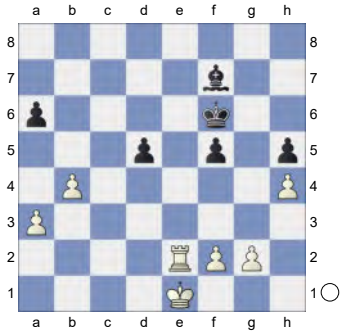


36.Qd4 Bxe6 37.Qf6 Qd7 38.Rcd1 0-1 (52) Munoz,C-Yepez Obando,O Pichincha 1962 **38...Re8 39.h4 h5 40.Rd2 Bf7**

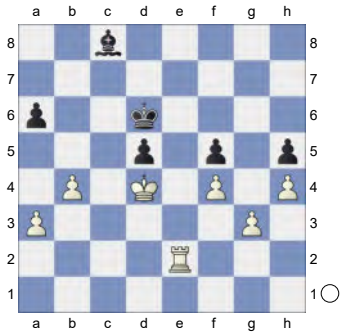


41.Rde2 White threatens Rxe8 and mate. **41...Rxe2 42.Rxe2 Qf5 43.Qxf5 gxf5** Endgame KR-KB **44.Kf1 Kg7 45.Ke1 Kf6**

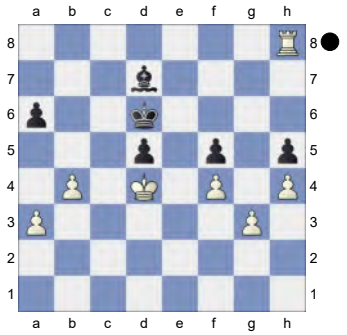
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46.f4 Be6 47.Kd2 Ke7 48.Kc3 Kd6 49.Kd4 Bd7 50.g3 Bc8



51.Re8 Bd7 52.Rh8

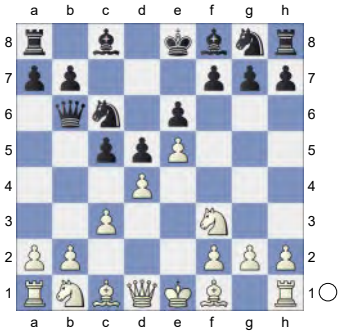


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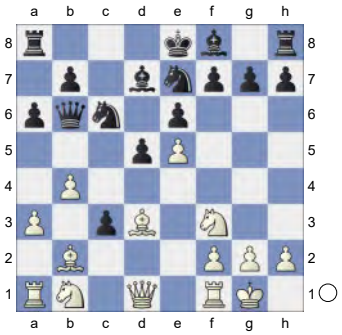
134 **C02**
□ **Hantel,Thomas** **2753**
■ **Shkurovich Khazin,B** **2256**
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C02: French: Advance Variation

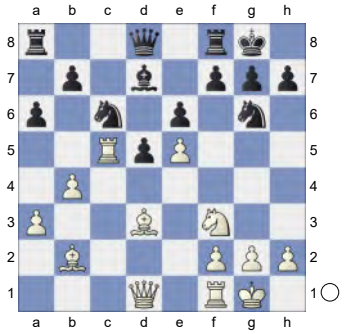
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



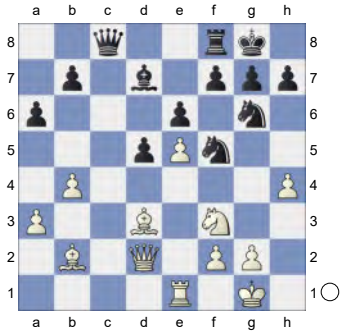
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.a3
[8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 a6 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Nf8 15.Rb1 h6 16.c4 Nb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nfd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bg4 20.Bd2 Ne6 21.Qg3 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qd7 Corominas Garrido,A (2389)-Reichardt,J (2204) corr Cuba 2023 CB on-line [John Watson] 1-0]
8...Nge7 9.b4N The position is equal.
[9.Re1 Ng6 10.h4 Be7 11.h5 Nh4 12.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 13.Nxf3 Rc8 14.Rb1 dxc3 15.bxc3 Qc7 16.a4 Na5 17.Re2 Nc4 18.Bf4 Na3 19.Rc1 Qa5 20.Qd2 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bxe7 Kxe7 B1 Nxa4 (2336)-Ivanov,M (1823) Shamkir Chess 2023 Colle NS [John Watson] ½-½ (79)]
9...a6 10.Bb2 dxc3



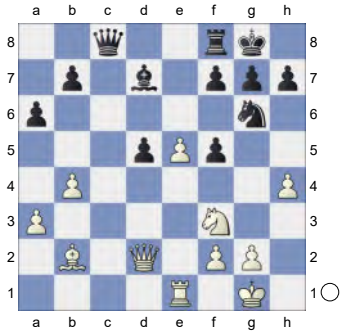
11.Nxc3 Ng6 12.Na4 Qd8 13.Rc1 Be7 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Rxc5 0-0



16.Qd2 Rc8 17.Re1 Nce7 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 0.98/22
[18...Nxc8= 0.01/20 19.Bd4 Nb6]
19.h4± Threatens to win with h5. &Bianco is much more active. **19...Nf5?** 2.99/23
[19...Rd8± 1.07/18 was necessary.]



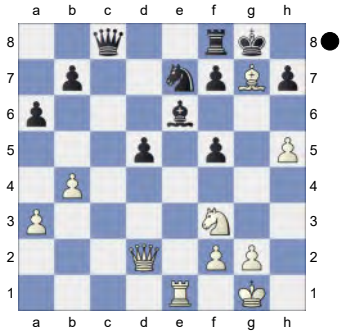
20.Bxf5+- exf5



21.h5 Ne7 4.11/22
[21...Nh8 2.51/19 22.h6 *(22.Qxd5 Bc6±)* 22...Be6 23.hxg7 Kxg7]
22.e6? 1.41/22
[22.Qg5+- 4.11/22]
22...Bxe6? 6.68/23 Black cannot hold the game after this.

[22...fxe6± 1.41/22 23.Qg5 Rf7]

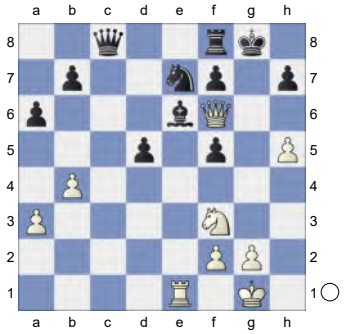
23.Bxg7



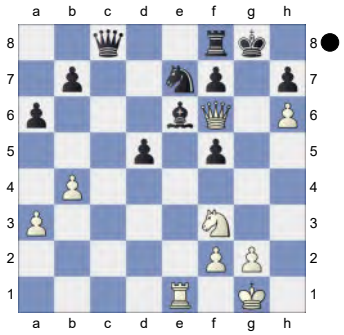
Decoy **23...Kxg7** #11/22

[23...f4+- 5.07/19 24.Qxf4 Nf5 25.Bxf8 Qxf8]

24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Qf6+ Kg8



26.h6



Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.80

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135 **C02**

□ **Kramnik,Vladimir** **2753**

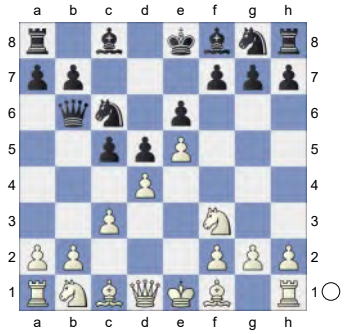
■ **Al-Tarboush,Ward** **2256**

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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! outshines the older 7.cxd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.cxd4.

7...Bd7 8.a3 -0.13/20

[8.Re1 0.25/22 is superior. Nge7 9.h4 a6 10.h5 g6 11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 1-0 (39) Ganguly,S (2646)-Cheng,B (2476) Wch Rapid Almaty 2022 (9)]

8...Nge7 0.28/19

[⌓8...a6 -0.13/20]

9.b4 -0.24/21

[White should try 9.h4 0.28/19]

9...a6N 0.15/23

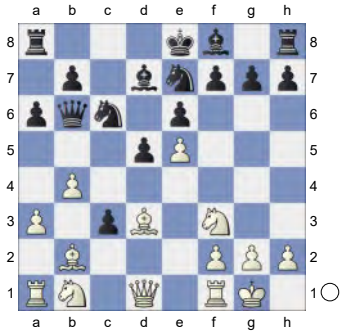
[⌓9...Ng6 -0.24/21 10.Bxg6 hxg6]

[9...dxc3 10.Nxc3 Ng6 11.Re1 a6 12.Bc2 Be7 13.Qd3 Rc8 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bb2 Ncxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Qg3 Ng6 18.Qe3 0-0 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Qxe7 Rfe8 22.Qg5 Bf5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.Rc1

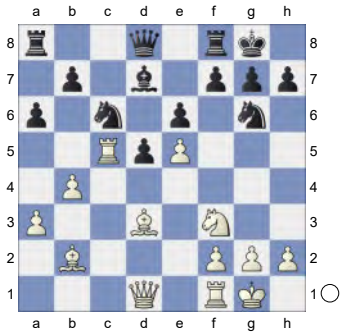
0-1 (26) Nithyalakshmi,S (1938)-Saranya,D (1879) Swiss Queens Wed #39 blitz 2024 (7)]

10.Bb2= dxc3N

[Predecessor: 10...Nf5 11.Nbd2? -2.21/21 *(11.Qe2± 0.38/20)* 11...Be7? 0.58/20 *(Better is 11...Ne3-+ -2.21/21 12.Qe1 Nxf1 13.Nxf1 dxc3 14.Bxc3 Be7)* 12.c4± 0-0? 3.12/17 *(12...dxc4± 0.63/19 13.Nxc4 Qd8)* 13.Bxf5+- exf5 14.cxd5 Na7 15.Nc4 Qh6 16.Qxd4 Bb5 1-0 Garcia-Huertas Soris,R (2345) Havana op 1992]



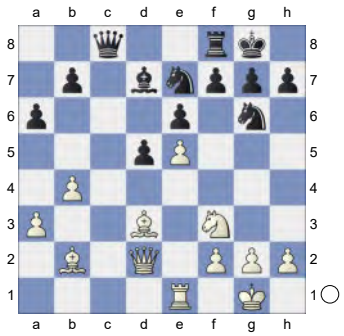
11.Nxc3 Ng6 12.Na4 Qd8 13.Rc1! Be7 14.Nc5 Bxc5 15.Rxc5 0-0



16.Qd2 Rc8 17.Re1 Nce7 18.Rxc8 Qxc8 1.53/20

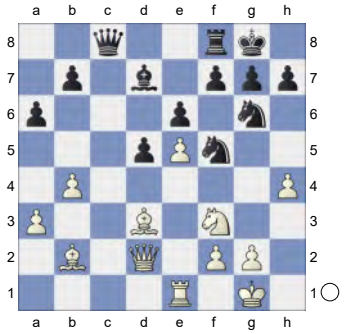
[18...Nxc8= 0.00/20 19.Bd4 Re8]

(Diagram)

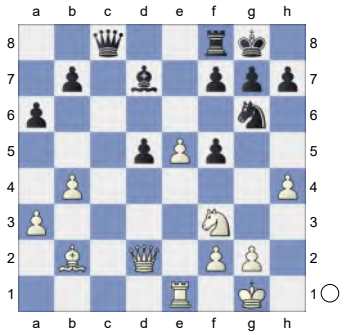


Black is weak on the dark squares **19.h4!±** h4-h5 would now be deadly. White has more active pieces. **19...Nf5?** 3.70/22

[19...Re8± 1.44/20]



This move loses the game for Black. **20.Bxf5!+- exf5**



21.h5

[21.Qxd5 Bc6 22.Qb3 Bxf3 23.Qxf3 Nxh4∓]

21...Ne7 22.e6 Bxe6 5.32/21

[22...fxe6 2.54/18 was called for. 23.h6 f4]

23.Bxg7 Decoy. White is clearly winning.

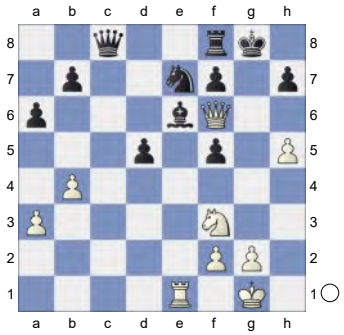
23...Kxg7 25.43/32

[⌓23...f4 5.12/17 24.Bxf8 Kxf8 25.Qxf4 Ke8]

24.Qg5+ Kh8 25.Qf6+

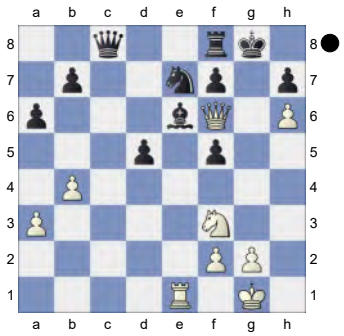
[Not 25.Qxe7 Qd8 26.Qxb7 Qd6±]

25...Kg8



26.h6

[Weaker is 26.Qxe7 h6±]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.14 (very precise) /Black=0.59

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136 **C02**

□ **Kulaots,Kaido** **2527**

■ **Rozen,Eytan** **2398**

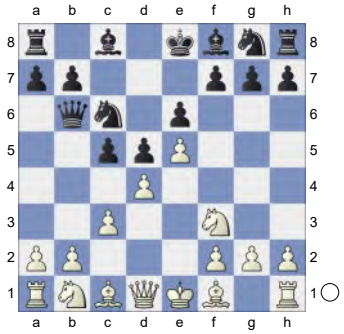
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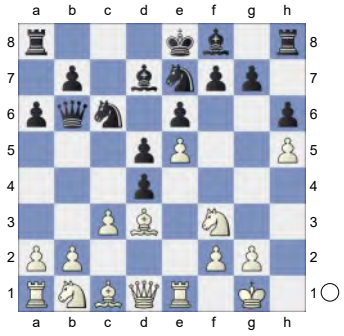
C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.h5 h6**



11.Nbd2 Rc8

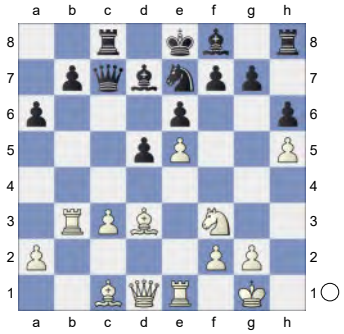
[11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.c4 *(13.Nb3 Nc8 14.Bf4 Na5 15.Nxa5 Qxa5 16.Qd2 Nb6 17.Rab1 Rc8 18.Qe2 Na4 19.Bd2 Qc7 20.Qe3 b5 21.Rbc1 Nb2 22.Nd4 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Qc4 24.Qg3 Qxa2 25.Be3 Qc4 26.f4 Qd3 27.f5 Rxc3* Schmidt,M (2113)-Tiglon,B (2509) Karlsruhe GER 2024 [John Watson] 0-1 (39)*)* 13...Nb4 14.Bf1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Ned5 16.Bb2 Bc5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qc5 22.a3 Nc6 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.Rc1 Qxd6 26.exd6 Carlsen,M (2853)-Terry,R (2520) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (33)]

12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Na5 14.Rb1N

[14.Be3 Qc7 15.Nc5 Nf5 16.Nxd7 Nxe3 17.Rxe3 Qxd7 18.Nd4 Nc4 19.Rg3 Nxe5 20.Be2 Nc6 21.Qa4

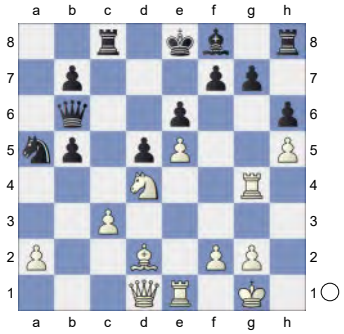
Rg8 22.Re1 Bd6 23.Re3 Nxd4 24.Qxd7+ Kxd7 25.cxd4 b5 26.Rf3 Ke7 27.Bd3 Rc3 28.Rb1 Rgc8 Ivanov,M (2344)-Ghimpu,S (2431) chess.com INT 2021 [John Watson] 0-1 (45) 29.g4 Ra3 30.Rb2 Rcc3 31.Rd2 Bc7 32.Kg2 Bb6 33.Be2 Rxf3 34.Bxf3 Ra4 35.Rc2 Rc4 36.Rxc4 bxc4 37.Kf1 Bxd4 38.Bd1 a5 39.f3 Be3 40.Ke2 Bf4 41.Bc2 d4 42.Bh7 d3+ 43.Kd1 Kd6 Jovanovic,A (2344)-Hansen,E (2431) Le Havre 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 0-1 (45)]

14...Nxb3 15.Rxb3 Qc7



16.Rb4 Inhibits Ba4. **16...Nc6 17.Rg4 Na5 18.Bd2 Bb5 19.Bxb5+ axb5 20.Nd4 Qb6** 0.50/20

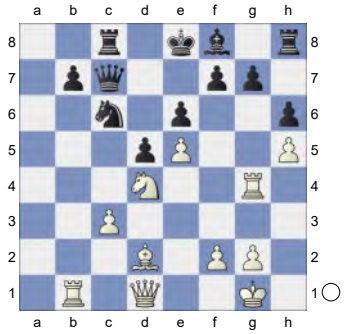
[20...Qd7!= -0.01/21]



21.a4± bxa4 1.07/19

[21...Nc4± 0.68/21]

22.Qxa4+± Nc6 23.Ra1 White has strong compensation. &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **23...Qa6** Strongly threatening ... Qxa4. **24.Qd1 Qb6 25.Rb1 Qc7**



26.Bf4 0.79/20

[⌓26.Be3 1.11/21]

26...Qd7

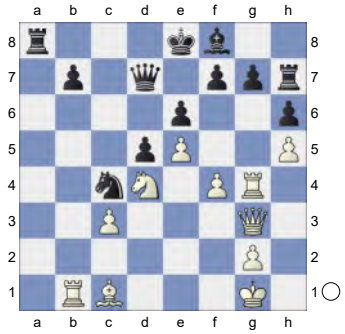
[26...Nxe5? 27.Bxe5 Qxe5 28.Qa4+ b5 29.Qxb5+ Ke7 30.Nc6+ Rxc6 31.Qxc6+-]

27.Qd3 0.48/19

[27.Nxc6± 0.81/22 Qxc6 28.Be3]

27...Na5± 28.Qg3 Rh7 29.Bc1 Nc4 30.f4 Ra8 1.21/20

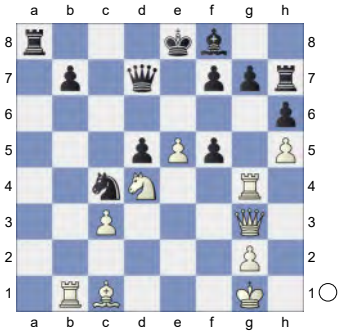
[30...Qc7± 0.51/18]



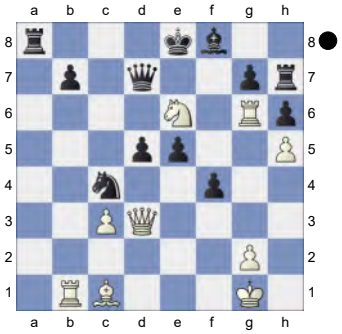
31.f5± fxe6 is the strong threat. **31...exf5** 1.16/20

[31...Kd8!± 0.65/21]

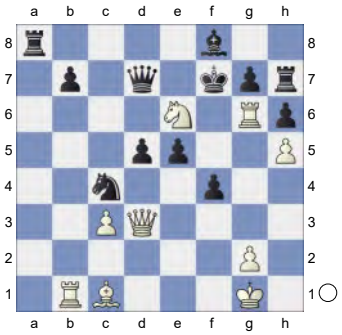
(Diagram)



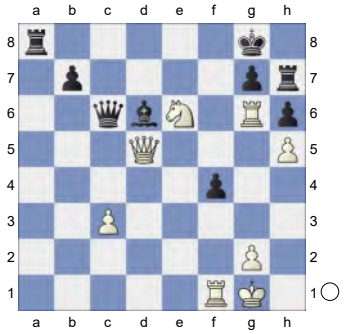
32.e6? -0.43/20 **fxe6∓ 33.Rg6** -1.17/22
[White should try 33.Rf4∓ -0.47/22 Rh8 34.Qg6+ Ke7 35.Nxe6]
33...e5 -0.12/21
[33...Bc5∓ -1.17/22 Threatens to win with ...e5. 34.Kh1 Bxd4 35.cxd4 Kf7]
34.Ne6= f4 -0.08/21
[Black should play 34...Kf7!∓ -0.60/18 35.Qh3 Kg8 36.Qxf5 Kh8]
35.Qd3 -1.57/20
[35.Bxf4= -0.08/21 exf4 36.Qxf4]



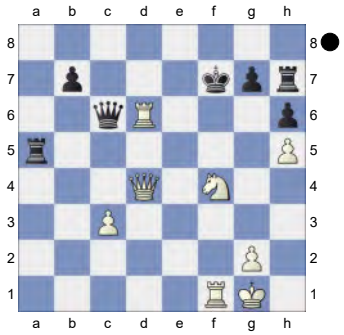
35...Kf7!∓



36.Bxf4 -2.75/20
[⌓36.Qf5+ -1.61/20 Kg8 37.Nxg7 Qxf5 38.Nxf5+ Kh8 39.g3]
36...exf4-+ 37.Rf1 Ne5? 1.34/23
[37...Kg8-+ -3.60/21 38.Rxf4 Bd6 39.Qxd5 Ne3]
38.Qf5+± Kg8 39.Qxe5 Bd6? 9.27/20
Loses the game.
[39...b6± 1.13/19]
40.Qxd5+- Qc6



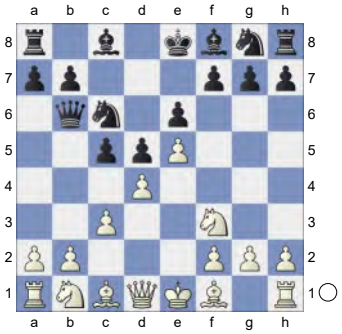
41.Qd4 Kf7 42.Nxf4 Ra5 43.Rxd6



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1-0

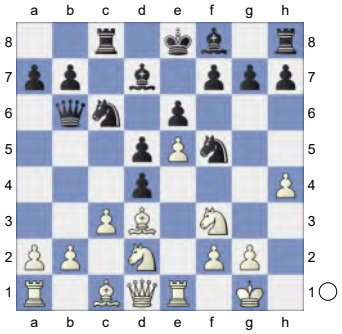
137 **C02**
□ **Svane,Frederik** **2639**
■ **Al-Tarboush,Ward** **2278**
Titled Tue 26. Dec Early (2) 26.12.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6
(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.Nbd2 Nf5**

[10...dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Ke8 25.Qg4 Luehrig,W (2670)-5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cd4 (2559) Monte Carlo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (100)]



11.h5N

[11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Be7 13.h5 h6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Qd2 Na5 17.Bxf5 Nc4 18.Qd4 Na3 19.Rbc1 Nb5 20.Qd2 Ba3 21.Rc2 exf5 22.e6 Bd6 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.exd7 Qxd7 25.Rcc1 Rfd8 Chekhov Valery,A (2059)-Mollamustafaoglu,O (1530) Srbija (ch) 114/(202) 2023 The Week in Chess 273 [John Watson] 1-0 (37)]

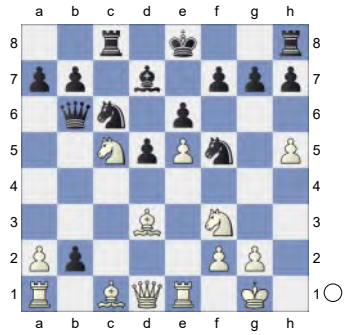
[11.c4 dxc4 12.Nxc4 Qc7 13.Bf4 Nfe7 14.Nd6+ Kd8 15.Nxf7+ Ke8 16.Nxh8 Nd5 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Bxh7 Qb6 19.Qd3 Kd8 20.Nf7+ Kc7 21.Nd6 Rf8 22.Rac1 Kb8 23.Bxe7 Ncxe7 24.Be4 Rh8 25.Qxd4 Qxd4 Nikolin,Z (2394)-Suppt Hongs,P (1440) Cap d'Agde 2023 Schallopp-Riemann [John Watson] 1-0 (34) 26.Nxd4 Bc6 27.Nxc6+ bxc6 28.g3 Kc7 29.Rc4 Rb8 30.b3 a6 31.Rec1 Rb6 32.Bxd5 Nxd5 33.Ne8+ Kd7 34.Nxg7 1-0 (34) Kiolbasa,O (2394)-Boryna,S (1440) Warsaw 2023]

11...Bc5 0.25/19

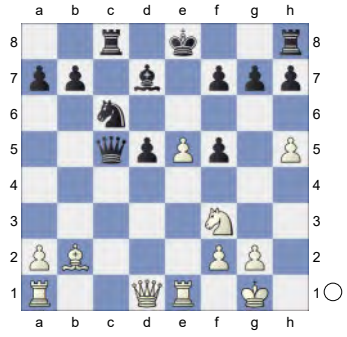
[11...dxc3 -0.18/20 was preferrable. 12.bxc3 Bc5]

12.Nb3!= dxc3 13.Nxc5 cxb2 0.79/18

[13...Qxc5= 0.19/21 remains equal. 14.bxc3 Qxc3]



14.Bxb2!± Qxc5 15.Bxf5 exf5



16.e6! Bxe6 2.03/20

[16...fxe6± 1.00/22 was called for. 17.h6 Rg8]

17.h6+- Rg8 18.hxg7 Qb4 2.99/19

[⌓18...Kd7 1.85/17 19.Rc1 Qb4]

19.Qxd5 Dancing on a razor blade.

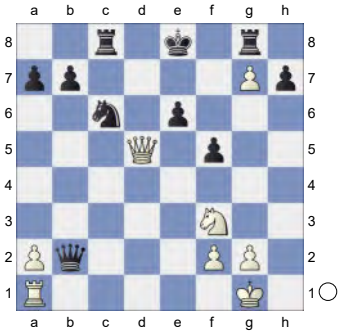
19...Qxb2? 8.11/23

[19...Ne7 2.54/17 20.Qe5 Ng6]

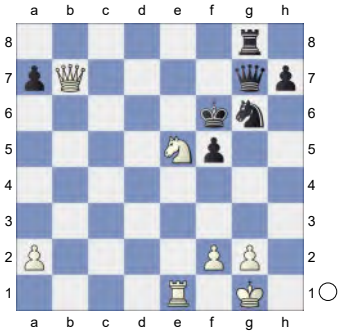
20.Rxe6+

[20.Rad1? Ne7 21.Qd4 Qxd4 22.Nxd4 Rxg7 23.Nxe6 fxe6-+]

20...fxe6

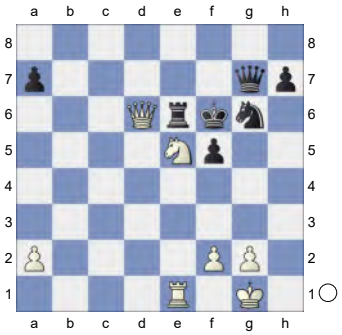


21.Qxe6+ Ne7 22.Re1! Qxg7 23.Qxc8+! Kf7 24.Ne5+ Kf6 25.Qxb7 Ng6



26.Qc6+ 2.54/5

[⌓26.Qd5 5.16/23 Re8 27.Qd6+ Re6



28.Ng4+! fxg4 29.Rxe6+ Kf7 30.Qd7+ Kg8 31.Qd8+ Nf8 32.Rf6]

26...Kg5 27.Nf3+ Kh5? 4.53/22

[27...Kh6 2.66/21 might work better. 28.g4 Qf7]

28.g3 Strongly threatening Qc4.

[28.g4+ Kxg4 29.Kh1 Qh6+ 30.Nh2+ *(30.Kg1 Kh5∓)* 30...Kh5 31.Qf3+ Kg5 32.Qe3+ Kh5 33.Qe2+ *(33.Qh3+ Nh4∓)* 33...Kg5 34.f4+ Kh4 35.Qf2+ Kh5 36.Qf3+ *(36.Rg1 Qf8+-)* 36...Kh4]

28...Rd8 10.09/22

[⌓28...Qf7 4.62/21 29.Re6 Rb8]

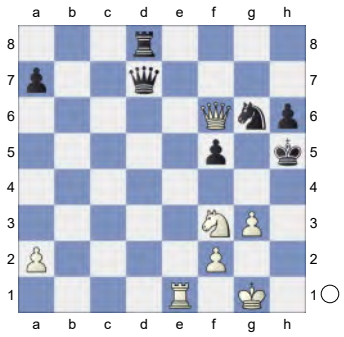
29.Qe6 4.07/22

[⌓29.Qc1 10.09/22 h6 30.Kg2]

29...Qd7 #10/20

[29...Rf8+- 4.07/22 30.Qe3 Qf6]

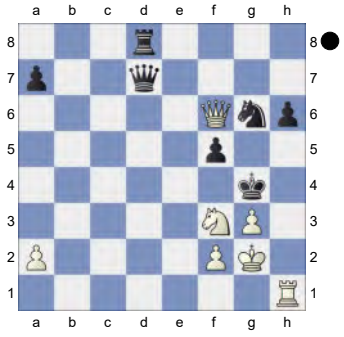
30.Qf6 h6



31.Kg2 Nf4+ 32.Kh2 Ng6 33.Rh1 12.26/5

[⌓33.Ne5 #5/15 Nxe5 34.Rh1 Kg4 35.Qh4+ Kf3 36.Qf4+ Ke2 37.Qe3#]

33...Kg4 34.Kg2

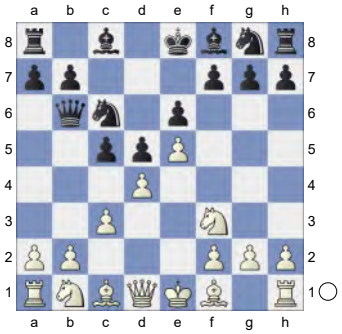


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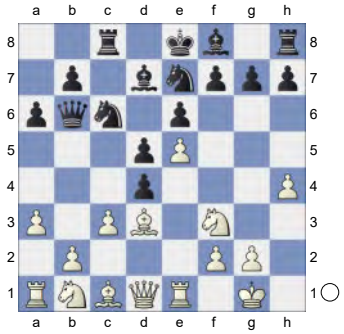
138 **C02**
□ **Osmak,Iulija** **2449**
■ **Born,Michael** **2392**
Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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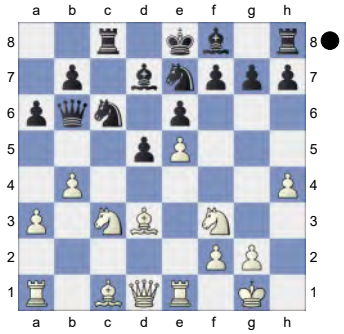


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is more profitable than 7.cxd4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 Rc8 10.a3**
[10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Ke8 Luehrig,W (2670)-5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cd4 (2559) Monte Carlo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (100)]
10...a6
[10...dxc3 feels hotter. 11.Nxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Nb3]

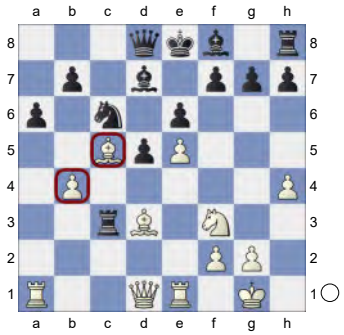
(Diagram)



11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3



Nxb4N
[12...Nd4 13.Bb2 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Nc6 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qg5 Be7 17.Na4 Qd8 18.Qh6 Bf8 19.Qf4 Be7 20.Nc5 Bxc5 21.bxc5 Na5 22.Qh6 Nb3 23.Rad1 Rxc5 24.Qg7 Rf8 25.Qxh7 Ba4 26.Bb1 Qe7 27.Rd3 Kielbratowski,A (1969)-Wisniewski,A (1929) Gori Jastrzebia 2023 ½-½ (40)]
13.Be3
[13.Na4 Bxa4]
13...Qd8 14.axb4 Rxc3 15.Bc5! Nc6



16.Bxf8 Kxf8
[Reject 16...Rxf8?! 17.Qd2 Rb3

18.Reb1 Rxb1+ 19.Rxb1]

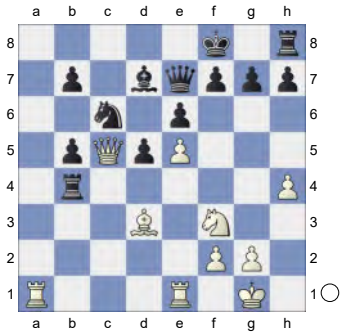
17.Qd2 Rb3 18.b5 -0.72/21

[18.Rab1= -0.26/19 feels stronger. Rxb1 19.Rxb1]

18...axb5∓ 19.Qc2 -0.87/21

[19.Rec1∓ -0.55/21]

19...Rb4 20.Qc5+ Qe7

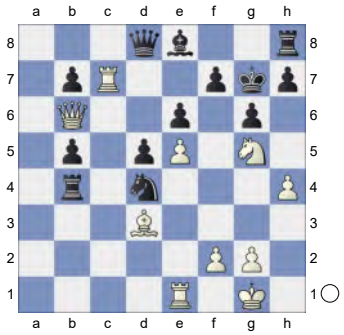


21.Ra8+ Be8 22.Qb6 -1.35/22

[22.Qd6∓ -0.57/21]

22...g6 23.h5N

[Vorgänger: 23.Rc8 Kg7 0.01/20 *(23...Rb3∓ -0.93/18 24.Rc7 Qb4)* 24.Rc7!= Qd8 Threatening ...Rf8. 25.Ng5! Nd4? 1.57/22 (Better is *25...Bd7!=* -0.01/21 *26.Qxb7 Nb8)*

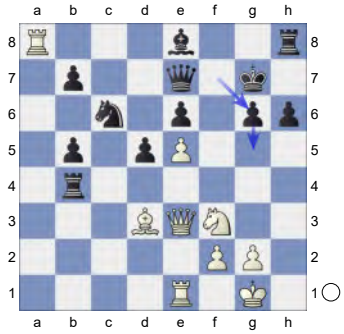


26.Qxb7? -0.01/24 *(26.Qxd4!!±* 1.57/22 *Rxd4 27.Nxe6+ Kh6 28.Nxd8 Rxd3 29.Nxb7)* 26...Rf8!= And now ...h6 would win. 27.Rc8 Qd7 28.Rc7 Qd8 White must now prevent ...h6. 29.Rec1 0-1 (61) Kozak,A (2516)-Ghimpu,S (2431) Chess.com INT 2021]

23...Kg7 24.Qe3 -2.07/21

[24.Rc8 -1.66/19 was worth a try.]

24...h6 25.hxg6 fxg6



26.g3 -2.79/20

[⌓26.Rc8 -1.82/20]

26...g5 27.Kg2 Bh5? 1.25/20

[27...Rb3-+ -3.06/19 Threatens to win with ...Bg6. 28.Nd2 Rc3]

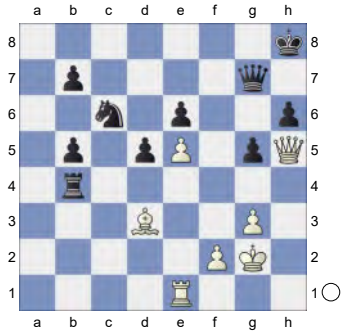
28.Rxh8± &Bianco is more active.

28...Bxf3+ 2.88/21

[28...Kxh8± 1.44/25 keeps fighting. 29.Rh1 Re4 30.Bxe4 dxe4 31.Qxe4 *(31.Rxh5 exf3+ 32.Qxf3 Kg7±)* 31...Bxf3+ 32.Qxf3 Qg7]

29.Qxf3+- Rh7+ is the strong threat. The board is on fire. **29...Kxh8 30.Qh5 Qg7** 3.53/25

[30...Kg8 2.22/21 was called for. 31.Qxh6 Nd4]



31.Qe8+

[Not 31.Rh1 Ne7+-]

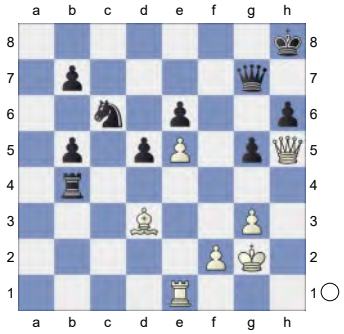
31...Qg8 32.Qh5 0.01/17

[32.Qd7+- 4.05/26]

32...Qg7= 33.Qe8+? 0.01/5

[33.Rh1+- 1.72/24 Threatening mate with Qe8+. Ne7 34.Qe8+ Ng8

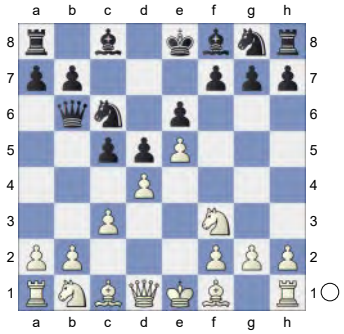
35.Qxe6]
33...Qg8 34.Qh5 -0.01/19
[White must play 34.Qd7+- 3.61/24]
34...Qg7



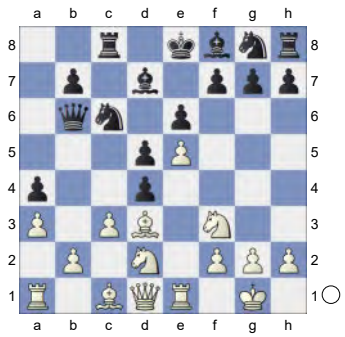
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½-½

139 **C02**
□ **Naroditsky,Daniel** **2619**
■ **Annaberdiyev,Babageldi** **2208**
Titled Tuesday intern op 26th Nov Late b..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



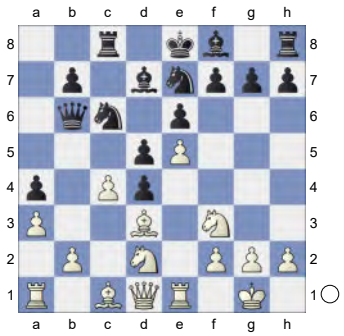
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is more profitable than 7.cxd4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1** White has compensation. **8...Rc8 9.a3** -0.46/19
[Better is 9.Nbd2!= 0.21/19]
9...a5 0.21/20
[9...a6∓ -0.46/19]
[9...Nge7 10.h4 g6 *(10...h6 11.h5 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Nb3 14.Be3 d4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qa5 17.b4 Qd8 18.Nb5 Nc6 19.Bxa7 Be7 20.Bc5 0-0 21.Nd6 Rb8 22.b5 Na5 23.Qg4 b6 24.Qe4 g6 25.hxg6* 1-0 (29) Zhigalko,S (2572)-Hayrapetyan,E (2137) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (4) *)* 11.b4 Bg7 12.b5 Na5 13.Nxd4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.a4 Nd5 16.Ba3 Qd8 17.Qf3 Qxh4 18.Nd2 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Nxf4 20.Ne4 Bxe5 21.Bd6 Bxd6 22.Nxd6+ Ke7 23.Nxc8+ Rxc8 24.Rad1 0-1 (59) Kanli,A (2492)-Buese,R (2729) 85/256 Kallithea 2002 (5)]
10.Nbd2 a4N
[10...dxc3 11.bxc3 Bc5 12.Qe2 a4 13.Rb1 Qa7 14.c4 Nge7 15.h4 Ng6 16.g3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 Bxd4 18.Bb2 Nxe5 19.Bxd4 Qxd4 20.Qxe5 Qxd3 21.Qxg7 Rf8 22.Rbd1 Qg6 23.Qd4 Rg8 24.cxd5 Kf8 25.Ne4 1-0 (29) Chapter Part5 Complete Games (2201)-Chernov,M (1980) 65/480 Ljubljana 1995 (2) Rc2 26.dxe6 Bxe6 27.Ng5 Bb3 28.Qe5 h6 29.Rd8# 1-0 Webb,L (2201)-Ankitha,G (1980) Sitges Sunway op 9th 2022 (2)]



11.c4

[11.Qxa4? Nxe5 12.Qc2 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Bc5-+]

11...Nge7



12.cxd5 0.33/18

[12.Qxa4? Nxe5 13.Qc2 Nxf3+ 14.gxf3 *(14.Nxf3? dxc4 15.Bxc4 Qc7-+)* 14...Ng6-+]

[12.Bc2!± 0.78/21]

12...Nxd5± 13.Nc4

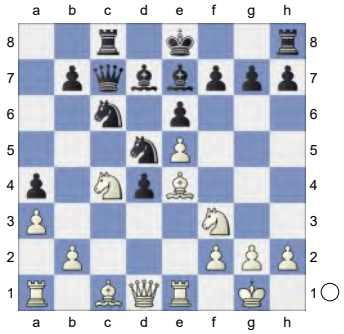
[13.Qxa4? Nxe5 14.Qd1 Nxd3-+]

13...Qc7 14.Be4 And now Be4xd5! would win.

[14.Qxa4? Nxe5 15.Qc2 Nxf3+ *(15...Nxc4? 16.Qe2-+; 15...Nxd3? 16.Qxd3 Qxc4 17.Qd2-+)* 16.gxf3 b5-+]

14...Be7? 2.92/19

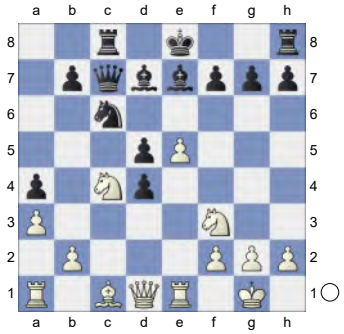
[14...Na5!± 0.37/20 15.Nxa5 Qxa5]



A mistake that costs the game.

15.Bxd5!+- exd5

(Diagram)

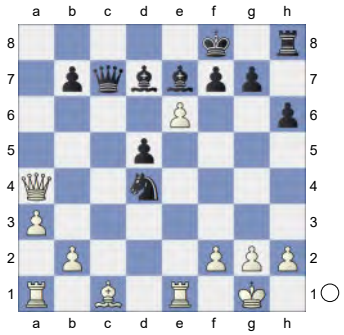


16.Nd6+ Kf8 17.Nxc8

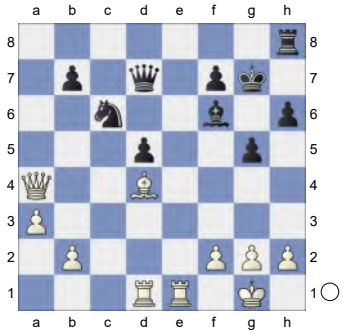
[17.Qxa4? perishes. Nxe5 *(17...Bxd6 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Nxd4±)* 18.Nxc8 Nxf3+ *(18...Bxa4? 19.Nxe7 Nxf3+ 20.gxf3-+)* 19.gxf3 Bxa4-+]

[17.Nxd4?! Nxd4 18.Nxc8 *(18.Qxd4 Bxd6 19.exd6 Qxd6±)* 18...Bc5±]

17...Bxc8 18.Qxa4 h6 19.Nxd4 Bd7 20.e6 Nxd4

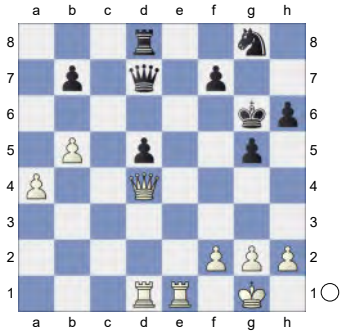


21.exd7 White wants to mate with Qa4-a8+. **21...Nc6 22.Bf4 Qxd7 23.Rad1 g5 24.Be3 Kg7 25.Bd4+ Bf6**



26.Bxf6+ Kxf6 27.b4 Rd8 28.b5 Ne7 29.Qd4+ Kg6 30.a4 Ng8

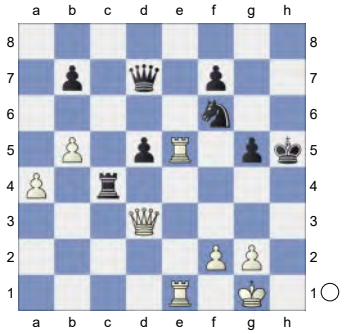
(Diagram)



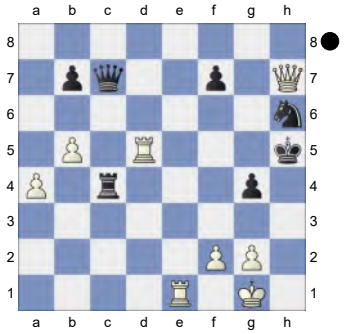
31.Re5 Nf6 32.Rde1 Rc8 33.h4 Rc4? 6.21/19

[33...gxh4 3.73/17 34.Qxh4 *(34.Re7 Qf5+-)* 34...Rc4 35.Qg3+ Rg4 36.Qd3+ Kg7]

34.Qd3+ Kh5 35.hxg5 hxg5



36.Rf5 Deflection **36...Ng4 37.Rxd5 Qc7 38.Qh7+ Nh6 39.Rd3 g4** Wards off Rd3-h3+ **40.Rd5+**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.70

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□ **Guo,Arthur** **2432**

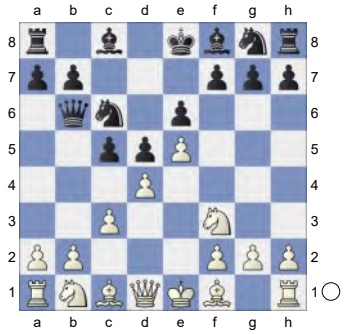
■ **Ostrovskiy,Al** **2404**

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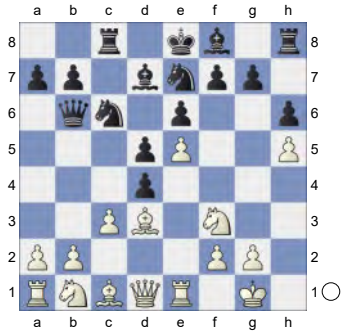
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5 Rc8**

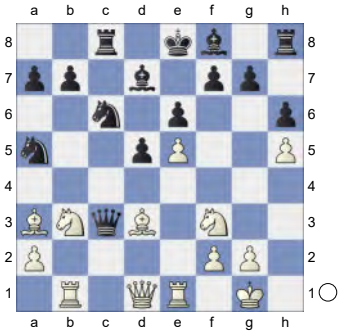


11.Nbd2 -0.36/23

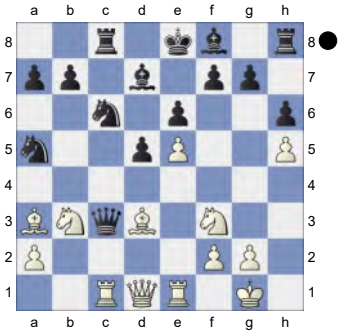
[11.a3= -0.01/19]

11...dxc3∓ 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Ba3 Qxc3 15.Nb3 Nec6N

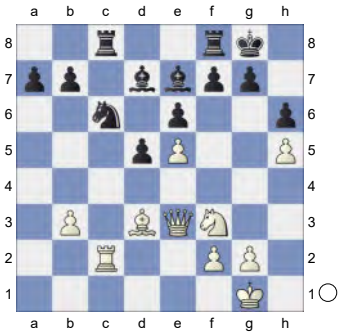
(Diagram)



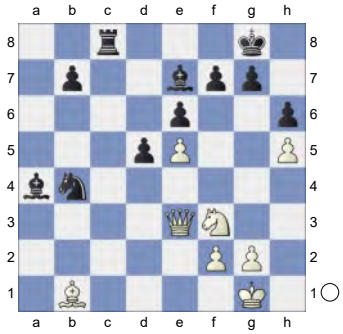
16.Rc1



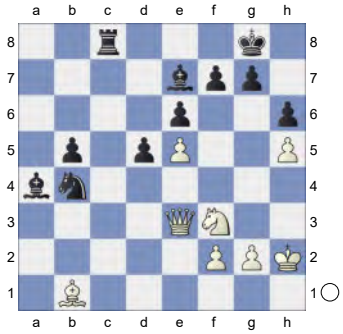
Qxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Bxa3 18.Rc2 Nxb3 19.axb3 0-0 20.Qe3 Be7



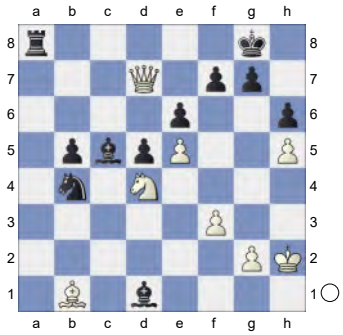
21.Nd4 -1.03/23
[21.g4∓ -0.62/22 should be considered.]
21...Nb4∓ 22.Rxc8 Rxc8
[Don't play 22...Bxc8?! 23.Nb5∓]
23.Bb1 a5 aiming for ...Bc5. **24.Nf3** -1.35/23
[⌓24.Kh2 -0.73/23]
24...a4 -0.98/23
[Better is 24...Rc5 -1.35/23 25.g3 Bb5]
25.bxa4 Bxa4
(Diagram)



26.Kh2 b5? 2.42/26
[26...Bc5∓ -0.97/24 keeps the pressure on. 27.Qd2 Bb5]

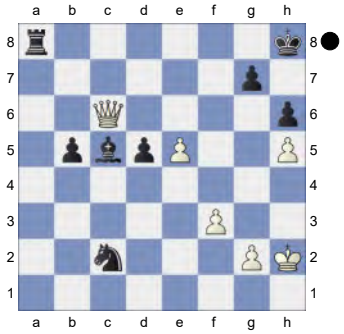


Loses the game. **27.Qa7→** White has strong compensation. White goes for the king. **27...Bf8?** 3.75/25
[27...Bc5 2.20/24 might work better. 28.Qb7 Rf8]
28.Qd7 Ra8
[28...Rc1 leads to mate. 29.Bg6]
29.Nd4 Against Bc2. Threatens to win with Qb7. **29...Bd1 30.f3** Strongly threatening Qb7. **30...Bc5**



31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.Qxe6+ Kh8 33.Qg6 White is clearly winning. **33...Bc2**

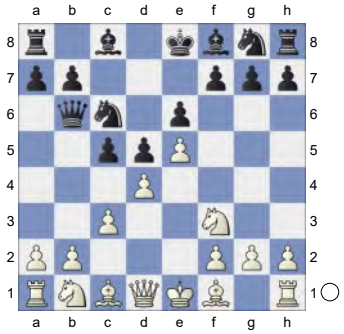
7.33/25
[⌓33...Kg8 4.90/28 34.e6 Bc2 35.Bxc2 Nxc2 36.Qxc2 Be7]
34.Bxc2 Nxc2 35.Qc6



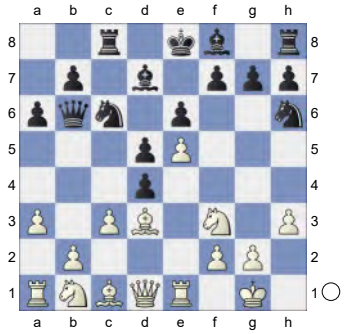
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141 **C02**
□ **Bodnaruk,Anastasia** **2334**
■ **Nakhbayeva,Guliskhan** **2326**
Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Jan Early b..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

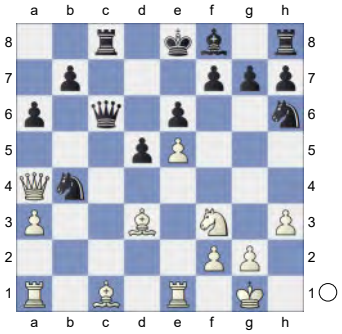


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! outshines the older 7.cxd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.cxd4.
7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.h3 The position is equal. **9...Rc8**
[9...Be7 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 h6 14.Bf4 Qd8 15.g4 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Nc5 0-0 18.Nxb7 Qc7 19.Nd6 Rab8 20.g5 Rxb1 21.Bxb1 g6 22.gxh6 Kh8 23.Qg4 Be7 24.Bxg6 Mercado Florez,D (2654)-Chaudagne,C (2672) 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0]
10.a3 a6

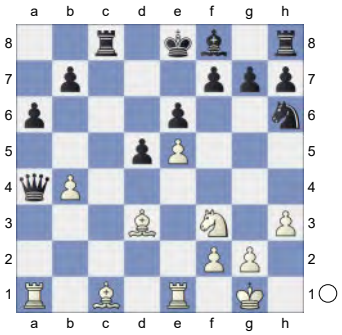


11.b4N
[11.c4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nf5 13.Bd3 Be7 14.Nbd2 Qc7 15.Qe2 h6 0.54/21 *(*Better is *15...0-0=* 0.00/19 *)* 16.g4 Nh4 17.Nxh4! Bxh4 1-0 Motylev,A (2602)-Ghimpu,S (2472) ROM-chT Eforie Nord 2023 (7.3) 18.Nc4 Be7 19.Bf4 Qd8 20.Rac1 Kf8 21.Qf3 Kg8 22.Bg3 g6 23.h4 Kg7 24.h5 b5 25.Nd6 Bxd6 26.exd6 Qf6 27.Qxf6+ Kxf6 28.Rxc6 Bxc6 29.Be5+ Kg5 30.Kh2 f6 31.Bxd4 gxh5 32.Rxe6 Rhf8 Novik (2602)-Lupulescu,C (2472) Biel 2023 The Week in Chess 273 [John Watson] 1-0 (35) 33.Kg3 hxg4 34.Bxf6+ Kh5 35.Re5# 1-0 (35) Motylev,A (2602)-Ghimpu,S (2472) Eforie Nord 2023]
11...dxc3 12.Nxc3
[Don't play 12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.Nxc3 Nd4∓]
12...Nxb4 13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Qc6? 4.13/22
[14...Nc6= -0.01/23]

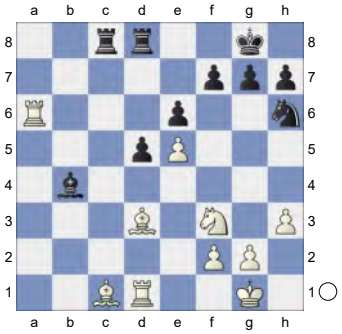
(Diagram)



White leaves nothing to chance now.
15.axb4+- Qxa4

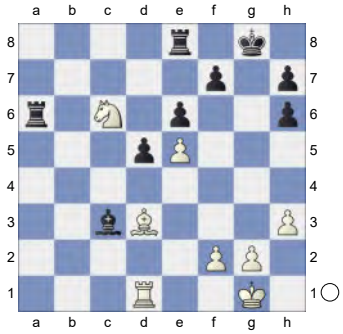


16.Rxa4 Be7 17.b5 0-0 18.bxa6 bxa6 19.Rxa6 Bb4 20.Rd1 Rfd8

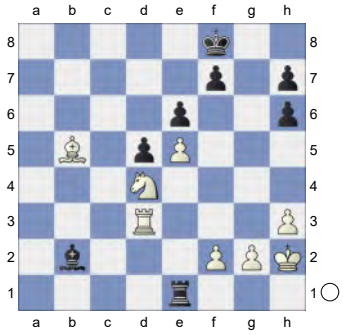


21.Nd4 Bc3 22.Nc6 Re8 23.Bxh6 gxh6 24.Bb1 Ra8 25.Bd3 -0.01/25
[25.Rb6+- 3.88/26]
25...Rxa6?? 3.62/24
[25...Rac8!= -0.01/25 26.Rc1 d4]

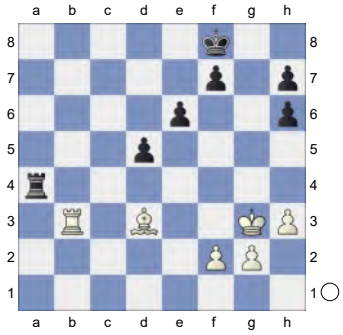
(Diagram)



26.Bxa6 Ra8 27.Bb5 Kf8 28.Rd3 Ra1+ 29.Kh2 Bb2 30.Nd4? 1.00/26
[30.Rb3+- 3.72/23 Ba3 31.f4]
30...Re1? 2.93/25
[30...Ra5± 1.00/26]

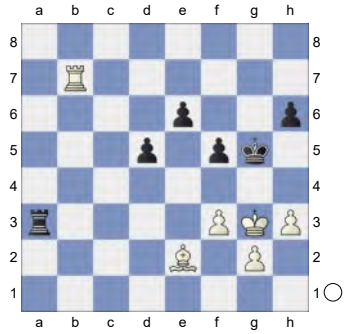


31.Nf3 Bxe5+ 32.Nxe5 Rxe5
Endgame KRB-KR **33.Rb3 Re4 34.Bd3 Rf4 35.Kg3**
[Less strong is 35.Bxh7 Rxf2 36.Kg3 Rd2±]
35...Ra4

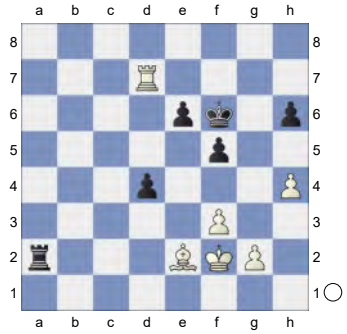


36.Bxh7 Kg7 37.Bd3 Kf6 38.Be2 Kg5 39.Rb7 Ra3+ 40.f3 f5

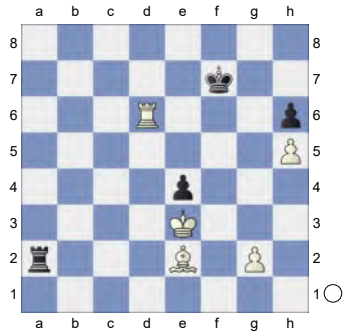
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41.h4+ Kf6 42.Rd7 Ke5 43.Rh7 d4 44.Kf2 Ra2 45.Rd7 Kf6? 6.37/25
[45...Rb2 3.61/23 46.g3 h5]

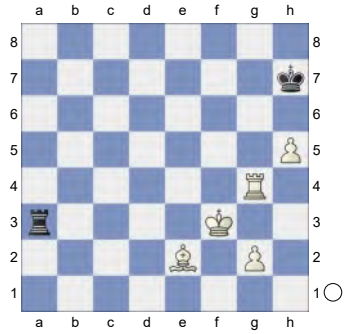


46.Rxd4 e5 47.Rd6+ Kg7 48.h5 e4 49.fxe4 fxe4 50.Ke3 Kf7

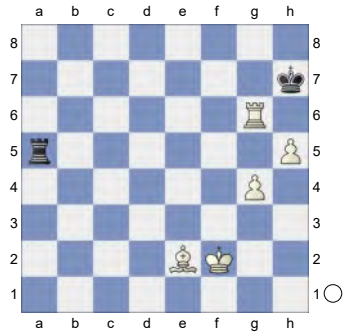


51.Rxh6 9.76/22
[⌓51.Bc4+ #10/22 Ke7 52.Re6+ Kd8 53.Bxa2 Kd7 54.Rxh6 Ke7 55.Rg6 Kf8 56.h6]
51...Kg7 52.Rg6+ Kh7 53.Rg4 Ra3+ 54.Kxe4 Ra4+ 55.Kf3 Ra3+

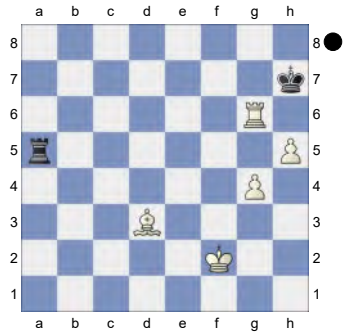
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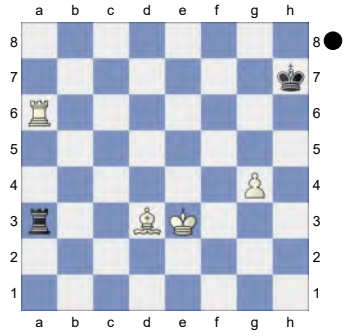
56.Kf2 Ra2 57.Rf4 Kh6 58.g4 Ra5 59.Rf6+ Kg7 60.Rg6+ Kh7



61.Bd3



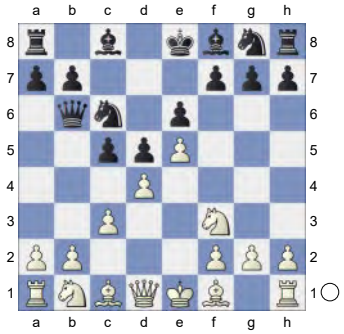
White threatens Rg5+ and mate.
61...Ra2+ 62.Ke3 White mates.
62...Kh8 63.h6 Ra3 64.h7 Kxh7 65.Ra6+



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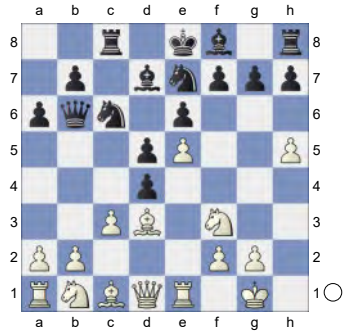
142 **C02**
☐ **Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal** **2624**
■ **Latorre,Mat** **2275**
Zonal 2.5 2023 (2.1) 06.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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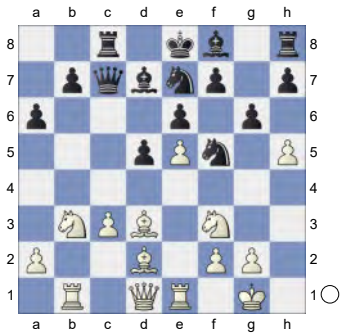
6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.18/18
[7.dxc5!± 0.55/22 should be considered. Qc7 8.Bf4]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 White has compensation. **9...Rc8** The position is equal. **10.h5**
[10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Ke8 1-0 (100) Luehrig,W (2670)-5. ♘f3 ♕b6 6. ♗e2 cd4 (2559) Amber-rapid 10th 2001 (9)]
10...a6

(Diagram)

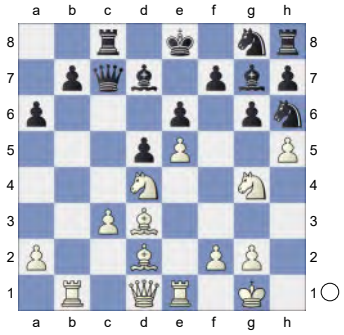


11.Nbd2!
[11.h6 gxh6 12.Qe2 Ng6 13.g3 Bg7 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Qxd4 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Nc3 b5 18.Be3 Qxe5 19.Qd2 d4 20.Bxh6 dxc3 21.Rxe5 Bxe5 22.Qe3 cxb2 23.Rb1 Bf6 24.Bg5 Bc3 25.f3 e5 0-1 (33) Onslow,A (2170)-Zschiedrich, H (2067) Titled Tuesday intern op 14th Jan Early blitz 2025 (6)]
11...Nf5N
[11...g6 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Nf5 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bg5 Be7 16.Bf6 Bxf6 17.exf6 Qf4 18.Nc5 b5 19.a4 Nb8 20.Nxd7 Nxd7 21.axb5 0-0 22.bxa6 Nxf6 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.Rb4 Qd6 25.Bxf5 exf5 26.a7 ½-½ (35) Bratovic,B (2326)-Mammadov,Z (2380) Pula op 35th 2023 (7)]
12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Nce7 1.09/18 Black is now going downhill.
[13...Be7± 0.53/17]
14.Rb1± Qc7 15.Bd2 White is more active. **15...g6** 1.44/20
[⌓15...Ba4 0.97/18]

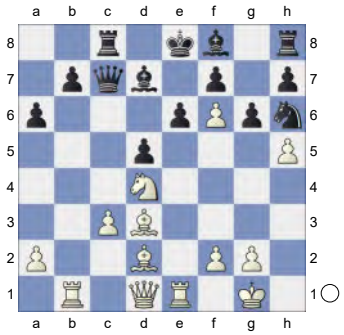
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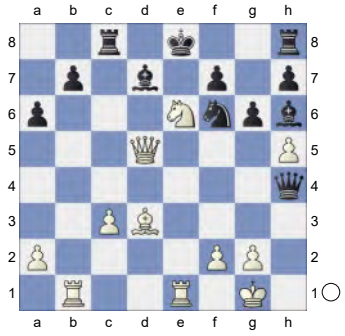
16.Nh2 Bg7 1.53/17
[⌓16...Ng7 1.09/20]
17.Ng4 Strongly threatening h5-h6.
17...Ng8 18.Nd4 Nfh6 3.54/16
[18...Nxd4 2.11/18 was necessary. 19.cxd4 b5]



19.Nf6+!+- Nxf6 20.exf6 Bf8



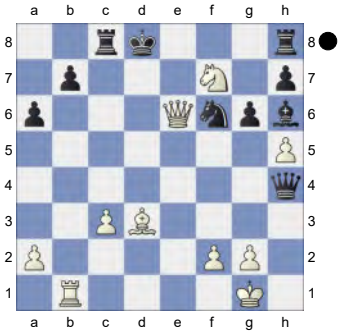
21.Qf3 Prevents Nh6-f5 **21...Ng8**
22.Bg5 2.55/17
[22.Qxd5 Nxf6 23.Qf3 *(23.Qxb7 Be7±)* 23...Be7±]
[⌓22.c4 4.50/18 e5 23.Qxd5 *(23.cxd5 Ne7+-)* 23...Nxf6 24.Qxe5+ *(24.Qxb7 Ng4±)* 24...Qxe5 25.Rxe5+ Kd8 26.Ba5+ *(26.Rxb7 Bd6+-)* 26...Rc7 27.Rxb7 Pin *(27.Bxc7+ Kxc7 28.Rd1 Bd6±)*]
22...Bh6 23.Bh4
[23.Qxd5 Ne7 24.Qxb7 *(24.Bxh6? Nxd5 25.Be4 Nxf6-+)* 24...Bxg5±]
23...Qf4? 4.21/20
[23...Bf4 1.81/16]
24.Qxd5 Nd4xe6! is the strong threat.
[24.Qxf4 Bxf4 25.Ne2 *(25.Rxb7 g5∓)* 25...g5 26.Nxf4 *(26.Rxb7 Bd2∓)* 26...gxh4=]
24...Qxh4 25.Nxe6 White threatens Ne6-c5+ and mate.
[25.Rxb7? Nxf6 26.Qf3 0-0-+ *(26...Rxc3? 27.Rxd7 Kxd7 28.Bb5+ axb5 29.Qxc3-+)*]
25...Nxf6 #10/17
[25...fxe6? 26.Rxe6+ Kd8 27.Rxb7 *(27.hxg6 Nxf6 28.Qa5+ Rc7±)*]
[25...Qxf6+- 4.95/17 26.Nc5+ Discovered Attack (Check), Double Attack *(26.Qxb7? fxe6 27.Rbd1 Rd8-+)* 26...Kf8 27.Nxd7+ Kg7 28.Nxf6 Nxf6 29.Qxb7 Rxc3 30.hxg6 *(30.Qxa6 Rd8+-; 30.Bxa6 Rf8+-)* 30...hxg6]



26.Ng5+ Discovered Attack (Check). White mates.
[26.Qxb7? too greedy. fxe6 27.Be2 0-0-+ *(27...Rxc3? 28.g3-+)*]
26...Be6 27.Rxe6+
[27.Qxb7? is the wrong capture. 0-0 *(27...Rxc3 28.Qxf7+ Kd8 29.Nxe6+*

Kc8 30.Bxa6#) 28.Nf3 Qxh5 29.Qxa6 Ra8-+ *(29...Rxc3? 30.Qd6-+)*]

27...fxe6 28.Qxe6+ Kd8 29.Nf7+



Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.72

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□ **Alsina Leal,Daniel** **2520**

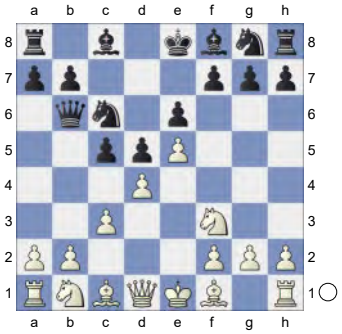
■ **Chow,Samuel** **2332**

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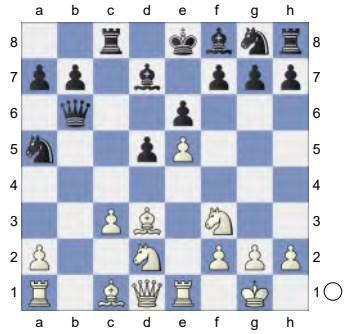
C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 **7.0-0!** outshines the older 7.cxd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2** The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Na5**

[10...Nge7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qe5 Merario Alarcon,A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024 [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]



11.c4N -0.47/20

[Predecessor: 11.Rb1 Qd8 0-1 (11) Gascon del Nogal,J (2449)-Christiansen,J (2593) Valencia 2022]

[11.Rb1= 0.10/21 Qc7 12.Bb2 *(12.Ng5 g6 13.Qf3 Bc6 14.Qh3 Nh6 15.Ndf3 Bd7 16.Re3 Qxc3 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.Nd4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Bc3 Nf5 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Qh5 d4 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.Rxb7 Rc7 25.Rb8+* 1-0 (25) Klein,D (2068)-6.g4 h6 7. ♗g2 ♘c6 (2106) Jugoslavija (ch) 84/429 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson]*; 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ne4 Ng6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ng5 Rc5 18.Ne4 Rf5 19.g4 Rd5 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxd5 Ne5 22.Rxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5 Rg8 24.Bxh7 Qh4 25.Bxg8 Qxg4+ 26.Kf1 Qd1+* Cheparinov,I (2663)-Svane,F (2618) Baku AZE 2023 [John Watson] ½-½ *; 12.Qe2 a6 13.h4 h6 14.h5 Bc5 15.Nd4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qg4 Bf8 18.Ba3 Qa5*

19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Qf4 Rc7 21.c4 Ne7 22.Qe3 b5 23.Nb3 Qa3 24.Qb6 Rb7 25.Qd8+ Be8 26.Qa8 dxc4 Nizamova,R (1755)-Buchholz,M (1858) Hannover 2023 ½-½ (57) *)*]

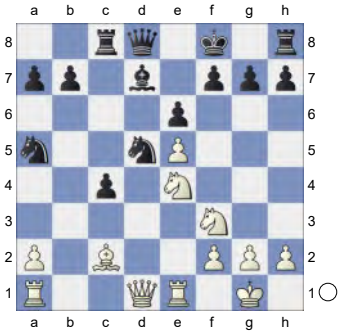
11...dxc4 -0.10/20
[11...Nxc4∓ -0.47/20 12.Rb1 Qa6 13.Bxc4 dxc4]

12.Bc2!= Ne7 0.24/19
[⌓12...Bc6 -0.08/18]

13.Ba3 -0.53/19
[13.Rb1= 0.24/19 Qa6 14.Ba3]

13...Nd5 -0.18/18
[13...Bc6∓ -0.53/19 might be stronger.]

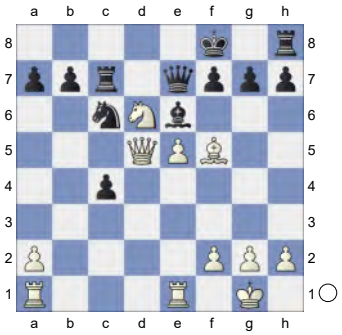
14.Bxf8! Kxf8 15.Ne4 Qd8



16.Nd6 Rc7 -0.01/17
[16...Rc5∓ -0.36/18]

17.Nd4 Qe7 18.N4f5 exf5 0.79/19
[18...Qd8!= -0.01/19 keeps the balance.]

19.Qxd5± Nc6 20.Bxf5 Be6



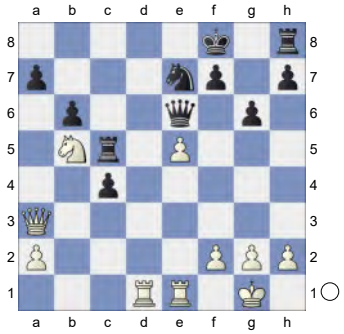
21.Bxe6 1.01/22
[21.Qe4± 0.61/20]

21...Qxe6 22.Qc5 b6 23.Qa3 Black must now prevent Nb5+. White has strong compensation. **23...Ne7?** 2.10/22
[23...h5± 0.59/20]

24.Rad1+- Threatens to win with Nb5.

24...g6 2.63/22
[⌓24...Rc5 1.92/18 25.Qxa7 g5 26.Qxb6 Rc6]

25.Nb5 Rc5



26.Rd6! Qc8
[26...Qf5 27.Nd4]

27.Nd4 1.50/20
[27.e6+- 3.85/21 has better winning chances. Rxb5 28.Qc3]

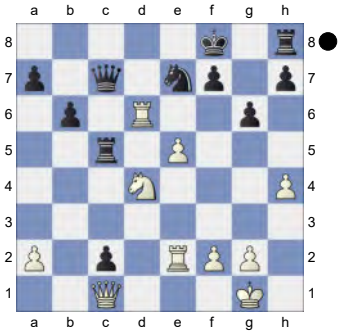
27...c3 2.28/20
[27...Ra5? 28.Qf3 Nf5 29.e6+-]
[27...Kg7± 1.50/20]

28.Qc1? 0.48/21
[28.Qxa7 Qc7 29.Qxc7 *(29.Qxb6 Qxb6 30.Rxb6 Kg7=)* 29...Rxc7±]
[28.e6+- 2.28/20 c2 29.Rc1 *(29.Qf3 Kg7±)*]

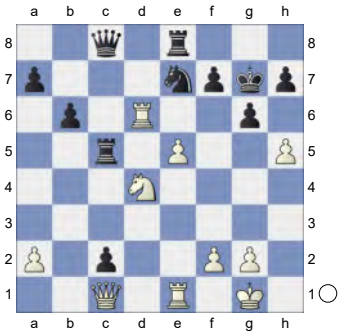
28...c2 29.h4 -0.55/21
[Only move: 29.e6!± 0.64/20 Ke8 30.h3 *(30.exf7+ Kxf7 31.Rde6 Nd5±)*]

29...Kg7 -0.01/21
[Black should try 29...Qc7!∓ -0.55/21 30.Re2

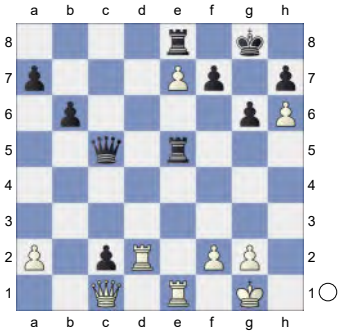
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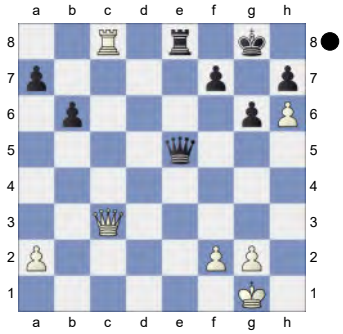
Rxe5!! 31.Rxe5 Qxd6]
30.h5 Hoping for h6+. **30...Re8⇄**



And now ...Qc7 would win. Black is not keeping still **31.h6+ Kg8** aiming for ... Rc4. **32.e6 Nf5 33.Nxf5**
[Avoid the trap 33.exf7+? Kxf7 34.Rxe8 Kxe8 35.Re6+ Kd7-+]
33...Rxf5 34.e7 White wants to mate with Qb2. **34...Qc5 35.Rd2** Chess con chili. Active counter play! **35...Re5**



36.Rxe5 Qxe5 37.Rxc2 Rxe7? 15.84/24
[37...Qxe7= 0.01/24 38.Qf4 Qf8]
38.Rc8+
[Not 38.Qb2 f6=]
38...Re8 39.Qc3



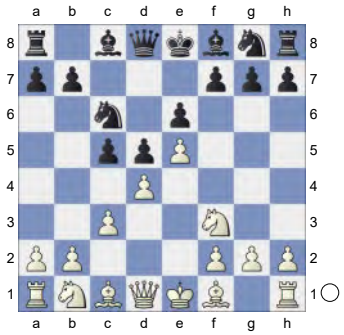
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□ **Swiercz,D** **2646**
■ **Suleymanli,Suleyman** **2260**
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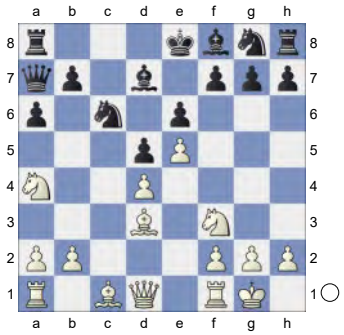
B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c6N
[3...c5 4.c3 *(4.b4 c4 5.c3 a5 6.b5 Nd7 7.d3 cxd3 8.Bxd3 f6 9.exf6 Ngxf6 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Qe2 0-0 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nbd2 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 a4 15.Rab1* Gambiteer-French Defence Player Wing Gambit (ALL) 2023 (4) *)*
A) 4...Nc6 5.Bb5 *(5.Be2 Bd7 6.d3 Qc7 7.d4 Nge7 8.dxc5 Ng6 9.b4 Ngxe5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Be3 Be7 12.Qd4 Bf6 13.Qf4 Rc8 14.Bd4 Ng6 15.Qxc7 Rxc7 16.0-0 e5 17.Be3 d4 18.Bd2 0-0 19.Bd3 Rd8* 0-1 (41) Wolf,N (1205)-Glienke,N (1600) Rheinland-chT Seniors 1617 2016 (4)*)* 5...Nge7 6.0-0 Qb6 7.Ba4 Bd7 8.Re1 c4 9.b3 Qa6 10.Na3 Ng6 11.Nb5 Rc8 12.d3 cxd3 13.Qxd3 Qa5 14.Qd1 a6 15.b4 Qd8 16.Nd6+

Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bc2 Qf6 19.Bd2 0-1 (59) Cicak,S (2480)-Hansen,C (2595) VISA GP Reykjavik 1998 (4);
B) 4...Bd7 5.d4 a6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb5 8.Bxb5+ axb5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxe7 Ngxe7 12.Nc3 Qb6 13.Qd3 Ra5 14.a3 b4 15.axb4 Qxb4 16.Rxa5 Qxa5 17.Nb5 0-0 18.Nd6 ½-½ (68) Olsen,H (2325)-Bronstein,D (2455) Reykjavik op 1996 (3) Qb4 19.Qc3 Qb6 20.Ra1 f6 21.Ra3 fxe5 22.dxe5 Ng6 23.Rb3 Qa6 24.g3 Qe2 25.Qe3 Qd1+ 26.Kg2 d4 27.Qd3 Qc1 28.Rxb7 Ncxe5 29.Nxe5 Nxe5 30.Qxd4 Qc6+ 31.Kh3 Nd7 32.Rb3 Rf6 33.Ne4 1-0 (68) Grimm,G (2087)-Gelas,C (2221) Vaujany op 5th 2014 (9.16)]

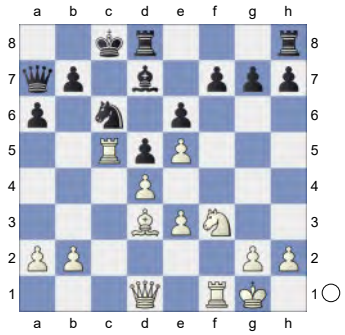
4.d4 c5 5.c3 Nc6



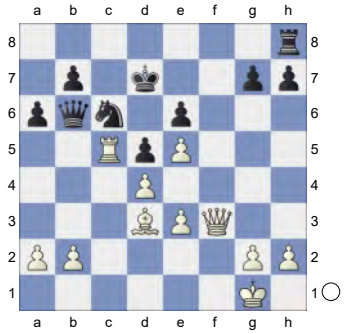
6.Bd3 Qb6 1.22/20
[⌓6...Nge7 0.74/20]
7.0-0± cxd4 8.cxd4 White is better.
8...Bd7 9.Nc3 a6 10.Na4 Qa7



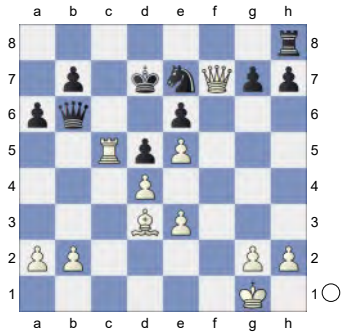
11.Be3 Nh6 12.Rc1 White is more active. **12...Nf5 13.Nc5 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Bxc5 15.Rxc5 0-0-0?** 3.85/17
[15...h6± 1.31/17]



16.Ng5+- Discovered Attack **16...Be8 17.Nxf7**
[17.Nxh7 Qb6 18.Rf2 Kb8+-]
17...Bxf7 18.Rxf7 Rd7 19.Qf3 And now Rf7xd7 would win. **19...Qb6 20.Rxd7** Remove Defender **20...Kxd7**

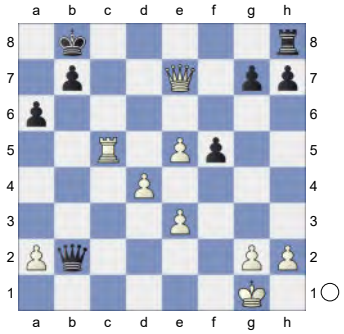


21.Qf7+ Ne7 5.87/18
[⌓21...Kc8 3.81/19 22.Qxg7 *(22.Qxe6+ Kb8+-)* 22...Rd8]

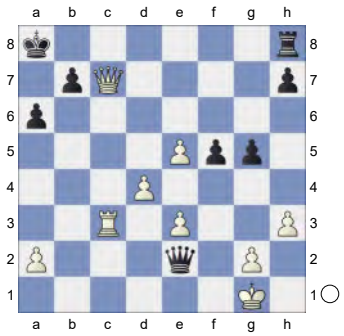


22.Bf5! Deflection **22...exf5 23.Rxd5+**

Kc8 24.Qxe7 Qxb2 Endgame. KQR-KQR **25.Rc5+ Kb8**

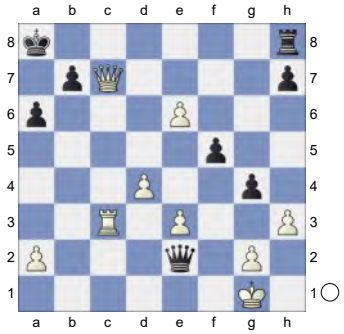


26.Qc7+
[26.Qxg7 Qa1+ 27.Kf2 Qxa2+ 28.Kg1 Rg8 29.Qc7+ *(29.Qxh7? Qxg2#)* 29...Ka8=]
26...Ka8 27.h3 1.92/20
[27.Qxg7? loses. Qb1+ 28.Kf2 Qxa2+ 29.Kf3 Rg8-+]
[⌓27.Rc2 3.22/22 Qa1+ 28.Kf2]
27...Qe2 3.21/19
[⌓27...Qd2 1.92/20 28.d5 *(28.Qxg7 Qxe3+ 29.Kh2 Qf4+ 30.Qg3 Qxd4±)* 28...Qxe3+ 29.Kh1 g5]
28.Rc3!
[28.Qxg7 Qxe3+ 29.Kh1 Rb8±]
28...g5? 4.10/19
[28...Qxa2 2.44/19 29.Kh2 *(29.Qxg7?* too greedy. *Rg8-+)* 29...g5]

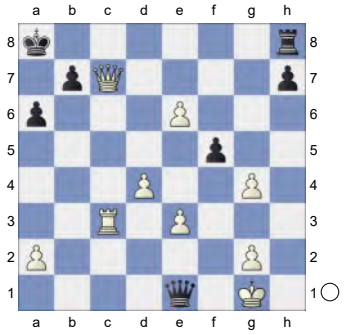


29.e6! g4

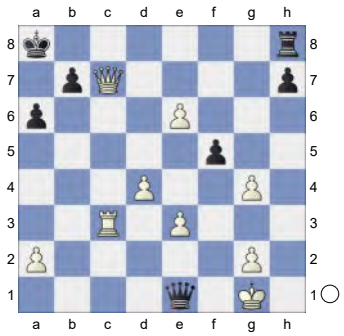
(Diagram)



...Qe2-e1+ is the strong threat.
30.hxg4? 0.00/5
[White must play 30.Rb3!+- 3.28/23 b5 31.Qc6+ Ka7 32.Qc5+ Ka8 33.Qc6+ *(33.Qxf5 h5+-)* 33...Ka7 34.Qc7+ Ka8 35.e7]
30...Qe1+=



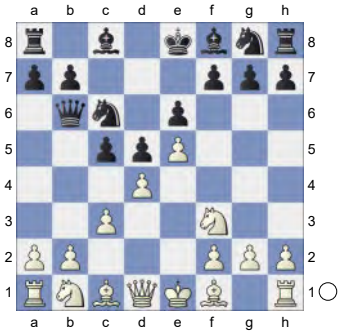
The position is equal. **31.Kh2** Threatens to win with e3-e4! **31...Qh4+ 32.Kg1** Black must now prevent Rc3-c1. **32...Qe1+ 33.Kh2 Qh4+ 34.Kg1** Strongly threatening Rc3-c1. **34...Qe1+**



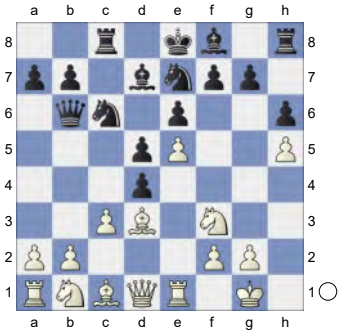
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½-½

145 **C02**
□ **Bochnicka,Vladimir** **2356**
■ **Jakab,Bela** **2358**
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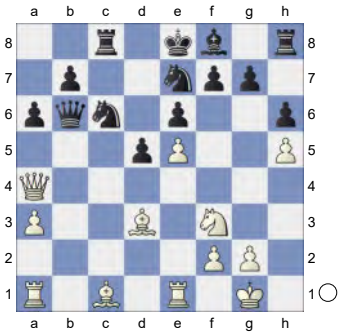
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! outshines the older 7.cxd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...h6 10.h5 Rc8**

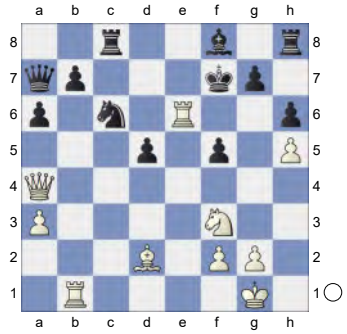


11.a3 a6 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6

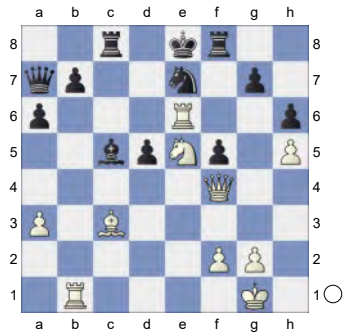


16.Bd2 Against Qa5 **16...Nf5** 0.42/24
[16...Qc7= 0.01/17]
17.Rab1 0.88/22
[17.Bxf5± 0.42/24 exf5 18.Rab1]
17...Qa7± Threatens to win with ...Bc5.
18.Bxf5 exf5 19.e6N 0.12/20
[Vorgänger: 19.Qf4 Hoping for e6. Bc5 20.Nh4 -0.01/21 *(20.Qg3± 0.47/22 0-0 21.Nh4)* 20...Nd4 0.91/21 *(20...Ne7= -0.01/21* remains equal.*)* 21.Qg3± Kf8 22.Be3 Ne6! 23.Nxf5 Bxe3 24.Rxe3 d4 2.10/21 *(24...Rc7± 1.00/17)* 25.Reb3 1-0 Nemeth,M (2453)-Brilej,J (2321) Mitropa Cup Mali Losinj 2023 (1.4) b5 26.a4 Kg8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rxb5 Kh7 29.Rb7 Qa2 30.Nxd4 Rhf8 31.Nf5 Qc2 32.Nd6 Rc7 33.Qg4 Rxb7 34.Rxb7 Kg8 35.Re7 Qc5 36.Qg3 Qc2 37.Kh2 Qd1 38.f3 Ng5 39.Qf4 Ne6 40.Qg4 Nemeth,M (2453)-Brilej,J (2321) Mati Losinj 2023 1-0 (71) Ng5 41.Ne4 Nxe4 42.Qxe4 Qd8 43.Qb4 Re8 44.Rxe8+ Qxe8 45.Qd6 Qc8 46.g4 Qc4 47.Kg3 Qf1 48.Qd8+ Kh7 49.Qd2 Kg8 50.Qe3 Qc4 51.f4 Qc7 52.Kh3 Kf8 53.Qa3+ Kg8 54.Kg3 Qb6 55.Qc1 Perez Solanas,H (2453)-Rosh,J (2321) Santa Fe 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 1-0 (71)]
[19.Qf4± 0.51/23]
19...fxe6? 2.10/20 This costs Black the game.
[19...Bc5= 0.12/20 and Black stays safe. 20.exf7+ Kxf7 21.Ne5+ Nxe5 22.Rxe5 Rhd8 23.Rxf5+ *(23.Qf4 Kg8∓)* 23...Kg8]
20.Rxe6++- Kf7

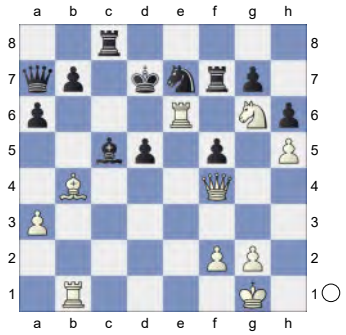
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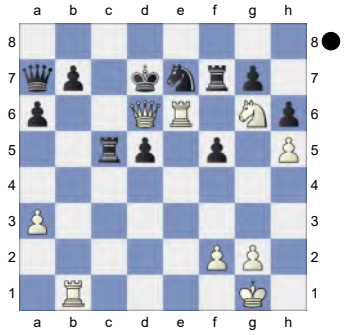
21.Rg6
[21.Rbe1 Bc5 22.Kf1 *(22.Qh4 Rhe8∓)* 22...Rce8 23.Rxc6 *(23.Ne5+ Nxe5 24.R6xe5 Rxe5=)* 23...bxc6±]
21...Bc5? 4.37/22
[21...Kg8 2.66/20 might work better. 22.Qf4 Rh7 23.Qxf5 Rc7 24.Qxd5+ Rf7]
22.Bc3 2.21/19
[⌓22.Qf4 4.37/22 Kg8 23.Qxf5]
22...Rhg8? 4.64/21
[22...Bxf2+? 23.Kh1 Ke8 24.Rxg7+-]
[22...Rh7 2.21/19 is a better defense. 23.Qf4 Ne7]
23.Qf4 Ne7 24.Ne5+
[Inferior is 24.Qe5 Bxf2+ 25.Kf1 Rxc3! 26.Qxc3 Nxg6=]
24...Ke8 25.Re6 Black must now prevent Qxf5. **25...Rf8**



26.Ng6 4.19/18
[⌓26.Qa4+ 9.87/22 Rc6 27.Nxc6 bxc6 28.Qxc6+ Kf7 29.Rxe7+! Qxe7 30.Qxd5+ Qe6 31.Qxc5]
26...Rf7 27.Bb4
[Don't play 27.Rbe1 Bxf2+ 28.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Rxc3+-]
27...Kd7 10.99/22
[⌓27...b5 4.60/22 28.Rbe1 Bxb4 29.axb4 Rc4]



28.Bxc5 5.35/20 **Rxc5 29.Qd6+**

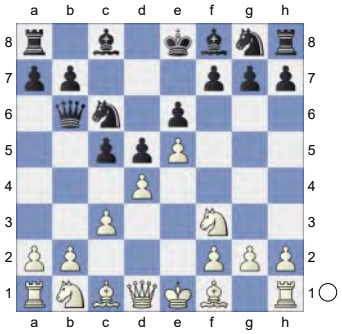


Deflection, Double Attack.
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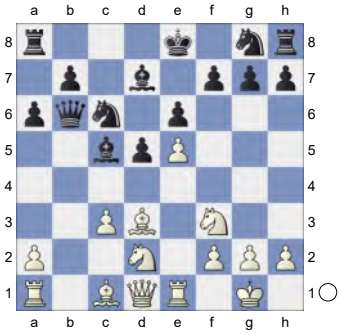
146 **C02**
□ **Henriquez Villagra,Cristobal** **2604**
■ **Santos Flores,Alberto** **2168**
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(90min+30sec)/40+(30min+30sec)
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 3 **e6** 1:21 **2.d4** 7 **d5** 4 **3.e5** 5 **c5** 5 **4.c3** 5 **Qb6** 34 **5.Nf3** 25 **Nc6** 1:24

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 25 **cxd4** 11 **7.0-0** 7 **Bd7** 6 **8.Re1** 7 **a6** 3:10 **9.Nbd2** 34 White has an edge. **9...dxc3** 4:17 **10.bxc3** 15 **Bc5** 5:39



11.Qe2 3:42 White has compensation. **11...Na5** 48 **12.Rb1N** -0.03/20 5:35 Prevents Bd7-b5.

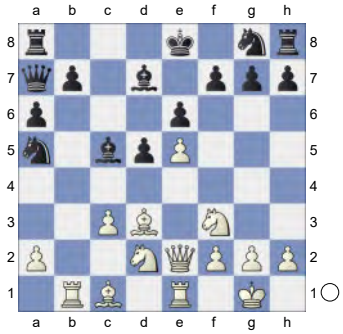
[12.Nd4± 0.35/20 might be stronger.]

[12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nxc4 *(13...Ne7 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bd3 Bc6 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4* Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #23*)* 14.Nxc4 Qc7 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qxd6 17.Qe3 Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #24]

12...Qa7 0.40/21 17

[12...Bb5= -0.03/20]

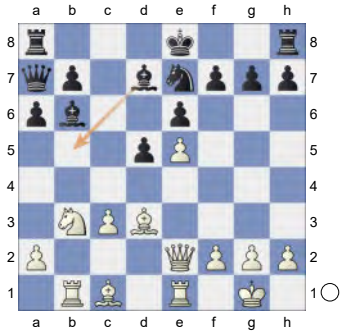
(Diagram)



13.Nd4!± 6:06 **Ne7** 3:01 **14.N2b3** 0.18/19 4:47

[14.Qg4!± 0.56/19 feels stronger.]

14...Nxb3= 28 **15.Nxb3** 15 **Bb6** 1:58



16.Ba3 9:33 **Ng6** 6:21 **17.g3** 3:20 Prevents Ng6-f4 **17...Ba4** 1.05/20 43

[17...Rc8± 0.48/19]

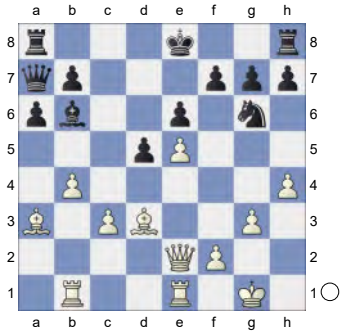
18.h4± 12:11 White is more active.

18...Bxb3 7:16 **19.axb3** 13

[19.Rxb3 Bc5±]

19...Bc5 3:37 **20.b4** 14 **Bb6** 1.78/20 16

[20...Be7± 1.37/17]



21.Rb3? 0.07/18 17:29

[21.h5+- 1.78/20]

21...Ne7 1.75/17 3:17

[21...Nxe5!= 0.07/18 22.Qxe5 Bxf2+ 23.Kg2 Bxe1 24.Qxe1 0-0]

22.b5+- 29 Threatens to win with b5xa6.

22...a5 4:24 **23.Qg4?** -0.52/16 3:35

[White should try 23.c4+- 1.61/19]

23...Kf8? 2.34/20 17:48

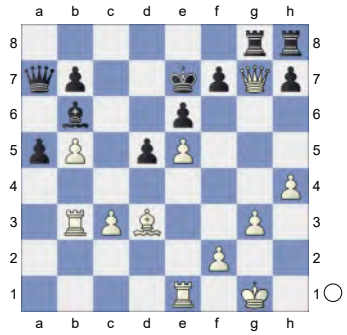
[23...Bxf2+∓ -0.52/16 24.Kg2 Qb6 *(24...Bxe1? 25.b6+-)*]

24.Bxe7+ 3:05 Deflection **24...Kxe7** 4 Black is weak on the light squares

25.Qxg7 48 Black must now prevent Qg7-f6+. **25...Rag8** 2.88/21 3:19

[25...Bxf2+? loses. 26.Kf1 Rhg8 *(26...Bxe1? 27.b6+-)* 27.Qf6+ *(27.Qxh7?* is the wrong capture. *Bxe1 28.b6 Qb8-+)* 27...Kf8 28.Qxf2+-]

[⌓25...Rhf8 1.89/19 26.Qf6+ *(26.Bxh7? Bxf2+ 27.Kg2 Bxe1-+)* 26...Ke8]



26.Qf6+ 1:58 **Ke8** 1 **27.Kf1** 52 c3-c4 is the strong threat. **27...Qb8** 3.44/18 33

[27...a4 2.05/17 was worth a try. 28.Rb4 a3]

28.c4 2:33 c4xd5 would now be deadly.

28...d4 4.21/19 6:47

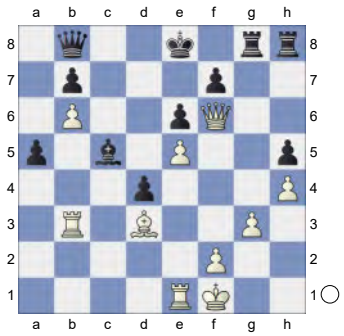
[⌓28...Qd8 3.00/16 29.Qf3 Kf8 30.cxd5 Qxd5]

29.c5 53 **Bxc5** 5.95/19 39

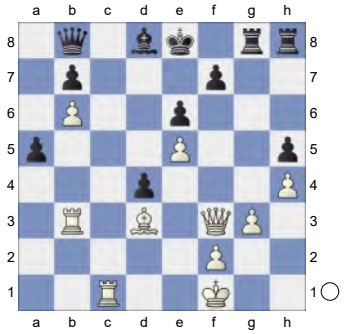
[⌓29...Bd8 4.02/17]

30.b6 5 **h5** 7:04

(Diagram)



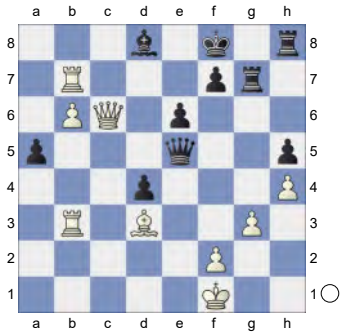
31.Rc1 1:54 **Be7** 4:03 **32.Qf3** 5 **Bd8** 35



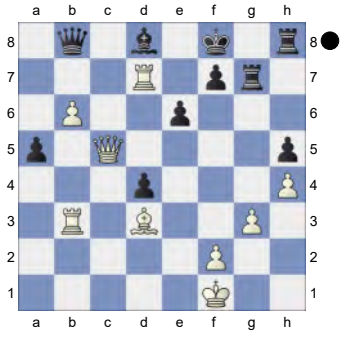
33.Rc7! 4:11 Double Attack **33...Rg7** 6:59

[33...Bxc7 34.bxc7]

34.Rxb7 22 **Qxe5** 10 **35.Qc6+** 35 **Kf8** 11



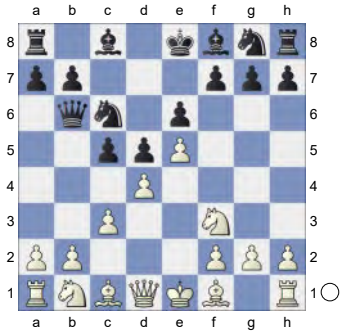
36.Rd7 7 **Qb8** 2:54 **37.Qc5+** 1:11



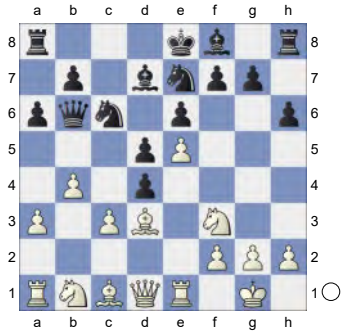
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147 **C02**
□ **Fromm,Marius** **2472**
■ **Campos Gomez,Manuel** **2287**
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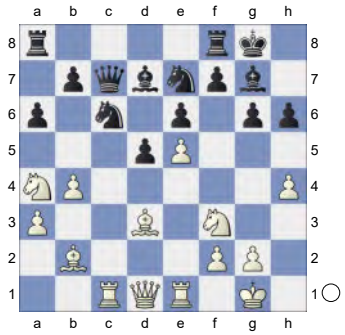
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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.01/20
[7.dxc5± 0.43/20 Bxc5 8.Qe2]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 h6
[8...Rc8 9.Nbd2 Nge7 10.Nb3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Rb1 b6 15.Qe2 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Be7 19.Bg5 Qc5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6 Rc7 22.Rbd1 Rd7 23.Re5 Dobrov,V (2501)-Laxman,R (2439) Kalkata 2008 CBM 123 Extra [Langrock,Hannes] ½-½]
9.a3N
[9.h4 g5 *(9...a6 10.a3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 Bc5 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 d4 14.Na4 Qa7 15.Re4 b5 16.Rg4 g6 17.Qc2 bxa4 18.Bxg6 Nge7 19.Be4 Rc8 20.Qd2 Qb8 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Qf4 Nf5 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Rg3* Kurchenko,E (2125)-Gitelson,A (2187) Novorossijsk 2023 0-1 (37) *Be6 25.h5 Qxb2 26.Qh4 Qc2 27.Rd2 Qe4 28.Qf6 Rf8 29.Rh3 Rg8 30.Kh1 Qg4 31.Rg3 Qxh5+ 32.Rh3 Qg6 33.Rg3 Qxf6 34.Rxg8+ Kd7 35.exf6 Rxg8 36.Nxd4 Nxd4 37.Rxd4+ Kc6* 0-1 (37) Rajtar,J (2125)-Russian Variation,H (2187) Rethymnon 88/297 2023 Inf33 [John Watson] *)* 10.hxg5 hxg5 11.Nxg5 Bg7 12.Bf4 Qxb2 13.Nd2 dxc3 14.Rb1 Qa3 15.Ndf3 Nb4 16.Nd4 Ne7 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.Bxb5+ Nec6 19.Qg4 Bf8 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6+ Kd8 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qf6+ Kc7 Georgescu,V (2341)-Schmitt,C (2450) Swedish League 2023 1873 Vienna [John Watson] 1-0]
9...Nge7 The position is equal. **10.b4 a6**

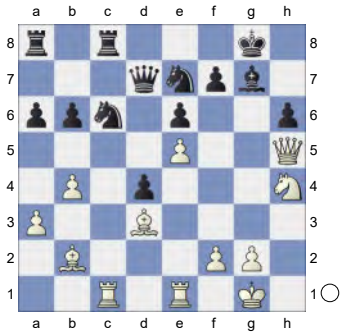


11.Bb2 dxc3 12.Nxc3 g6 13.Na4 White has compensation. **13...Qc7 14.Rc1 Bg7 15.h4 0-0**

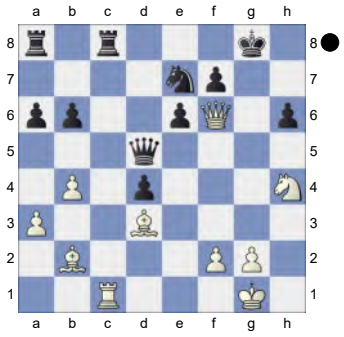


16.Nc5
[16.h5!?]

16...Rfc8 1.02/18
[16...h5± 0.64/17]
17.h5± gxh5 18.Nh4 b6 19.Nxd7 &Bianco is much more active. **19...Qxd7 20.Qxh5 d4**

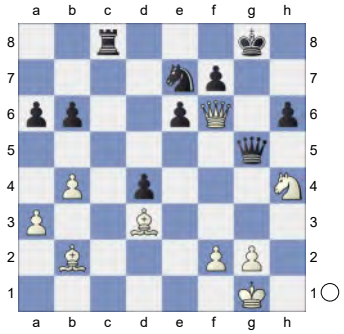


Inhibits Re3. **21.Re4** 0.40/18
[21.Nf3± 1.35/18]
21...Nxe5? 3.00/20 A mistake that costs the game.
[21...Qd5± 0.40/18]
22.Rxe5+- Bxe5? 4.51/22
[22...Nd5 2.80/18 might work better.]
23.Qxe5 Qd5 24.Qf6
[Weaker is 24.Qf4 Rxc1+ 25.Qxc1 *(25.Bxc1 Qg5±)* 25...Qg5±]

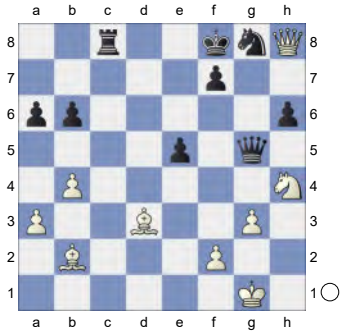


Rxc8+ is the strong threat. **24...Qg5 25.Rxc8+ Rxc8**

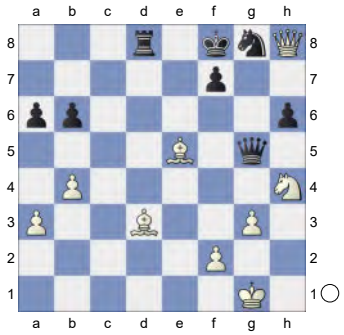
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26.Qxd4 e5 27.Qe4 Qf4 28.Qh7+ Kf8 29.Qh8+ White is clearly winning.
29...Ng8 30.g3 Qg5 8.10/23
[⌓30...Qf6 4.38/22 31.Qxf6 Nxf6 32.Bxa6 Ra8]

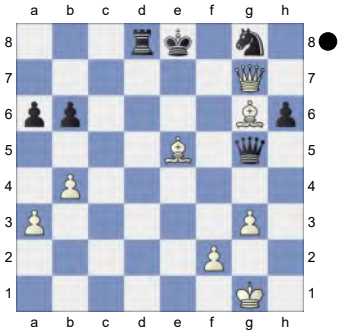


31.Bxe5 A strong pair of Bishops.
31...Rd8



32.Ng6+! fxg6 33.Qg7+ Ke8 34.Bxg6+

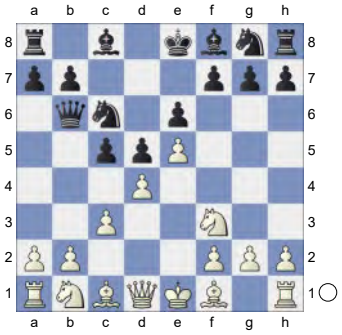
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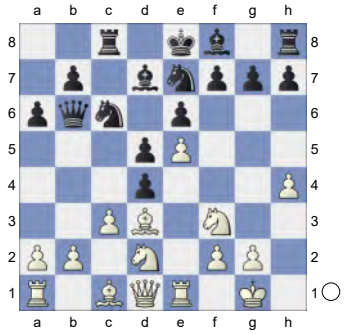
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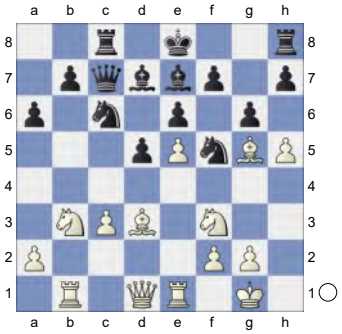
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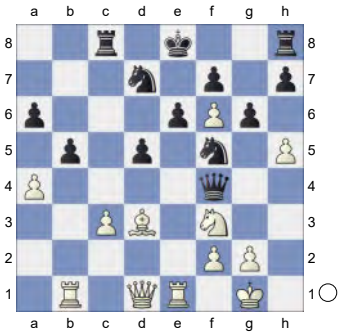
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is more profitable than 7.cxd4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 Nge7 10.h4**
[10.cxd4 keeps more tension. Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Nf3]
10...a6 0.17/21
[10...dxc3 -0.15/20 is superior. 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3 21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Ke8 25.Qg4 Rg8 26.Be2 Nc4 Jones,G (2670)-Erigaisi,A (2559) chess.com INT 2020 [John Watson] 1-0 (100)]



11.h5N
[11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Nxa5 Qxa5 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.h5 Nc6 17.Rb1 Na5 18.h6 g6 19.Rc1 Nc4 20.Bg5 Be7 21.Qe2 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 0-0 23.Qf3 Qd8 24.Qg3 Qe7 25.Rc2 b5 Chekhov Valery,A (2030)-Nielsen,V (2210) 2023 CHECK99 [John Watson] 0-1 (36) 26.Rce2 a5 27.Bb1 b4 28.cxb4 axb4 29.Rd1 Na3 30.Bd3 Bb5 31.Bxb5 Nxb5 32.Qf4 Nc3 33.Rde1 Nxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Rc4 35.Qd2 Rfc8 36.Qd3 Qxg5 0-1 (36) Mrudul,D (2030)-Mohammed,Z (2210) Chess.com INT 2023]
11...g6N
[Vorgänger: 11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.h6 gxh6 15.Nf1! Ng6 16.Ng3 Qxc3 17.Nh5 Black should prevent Re2. Be7 1-0 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Grischuk,A (2745) Titled Tuesday intern op 28th Feb Late blitz 2023 (11)]
12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Nf5 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bg5 Be7

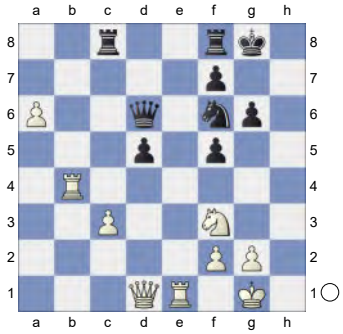


16.Bf6 Bxf6 17.exf6 And now Bxf5 would win. **17...Qf4 18.Nc5** Threatens to win with Bxf5. Deflection **18...b5** 1.04/19
[18...Nd6± 0.62/18]
19.a4±
[Much worse is 19.Nxa6 Nd6=]
19...Nb8 20.Nxd7 &Bianco is more active.
[Of course not 20.Rb4?! Qc7 21.Nxd7 Nxd7±]
20...Nxd7

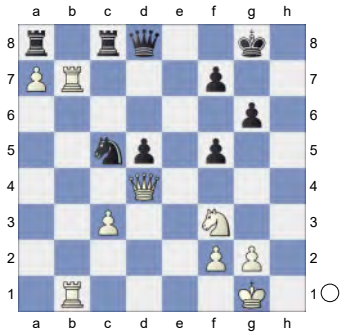


21.axb5 aiming for Rb4. **21...0-0**
22.bxa6 1.12/20
[⌓22.Bxf5 1.46/18 Qxf5 23.bxa6]
22...Nxf6 1.93/19
[22...Nh4± 1.12/20]
23.hxg6 1.41/18
[23.Rb4+- 1.93/19 Qc7 24.Qd2]
23...hxg6 24.Rb4 Qd6 25.Bxf5 exf5

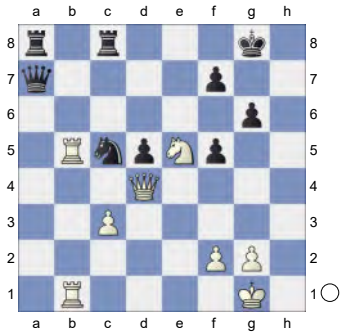
(Diagram)



26.a7 Ne4 27.Qd4 Ra8 2.81/23
[27...Rxc3? 28.Rxe4! fxe4 29.Qxc3+-]
[27...Qc7± 1.54/19 28.Ra1 Ra8]
28.Reb1+- Rfc8 29.Rb6 1.75/23
[⌓29.R4b3 2.99/22]
29...Qd8 2.30/24
[29...Qf8 1.75/23 might work better.]
30.Rb7 Nc5



31.R7b5 0.31/24
[31.Ne5+- 2.46/24 Nxb7 32.Rxb7]
31...Qe7 32.Ne5!
[Much weaker is 32.Qxd5 Rxa7 33.Ne5 Rac7=]
32...Qxa7

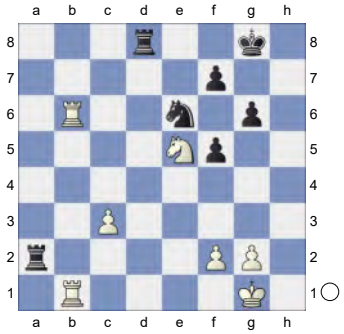


33.Rb6 0.30/21

[Better is 33.Nxf7!± 0.76/23 Qxf7 34.Rxc5]

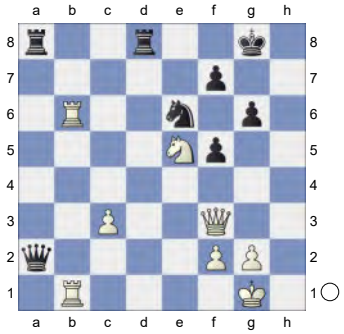
33...Ne6!= 34.Qxd5 Black must now prevent Rxe6. **34...Rd8 35.Qf3** -0.01/22

[35.Qb3!± 0.54/22 Qa2 36.Qxa2 Rxa2



37.Nxg6!]

35...Qa2



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149 **C02**

□ **Rodriguez Vila,Andres** **2450**

■ **Spata,German** **2329**

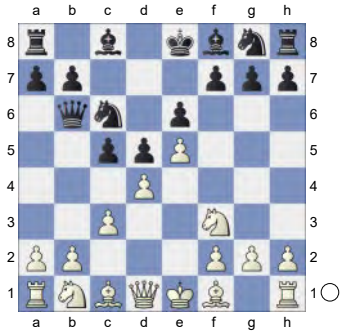
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(Diagram)



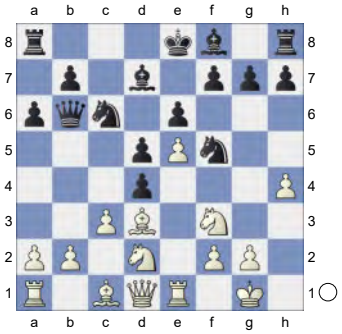
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.Nbd2**

[10.h5 h6 11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.c4 Nb4 14.Bf1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Ned5 16.Bb2 Bc5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qc5 22.a3 Nc6 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 Carlsen,M (2853)-Terry,R (2520) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (33)]

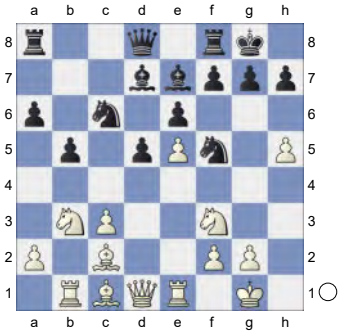
10...Nf5N

[10...dxc3 11.bxc3 g6 *(11...Ng6 12.Nb3 f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qc4 e5 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Rb2 Bd3 20.Qa4 f5 21.Nc5 Bb5 22.Qb3 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Na5 24.Qe6+ Bd7 25.Qxe5 Nc4 26.Qxc7+* Gabrielian,A (2452)-Shuvalov,E (2118) Chess.com INT 2023 1-0 (36) *Kxc7 27.Rbe2 Rhe8 28.Be7 Rc8 29.Nd4 b5 30.f3 Kb7 31.Kf2 Nb6 32.Nb3 Nd5 33.Bb4 Rxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Nxc3 35.Re7 Nd5 36.Rxd7+* 1-0 (36) Benhadi,A (2452)-Statter (2118) Elista 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson]*)* 12.c4 Bg7 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Ba3 0-0 15.Bd6 Qc8 16.Qb3 Re8 17.Qxb7 Na5 18.Qb4 Nec6 19.Qa3 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Nxe5 21.Bxe5 Nxc4 22.Nxc4 Qxc4 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ne5 Qa4 25.Qf3 Huber,B (2272)-Woithe,D

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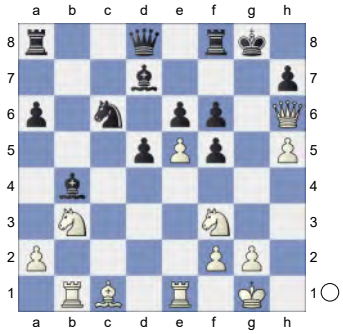


11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Be7 13.h5 White has compensation. **13...Qd8**
14.Rb1 0-0 0.45/19
[14...h6= 0.14/19]
15.Bc2 0.01/20
[15.Bxf5± 0.45/19 exf5 16.h6]
15...b5=

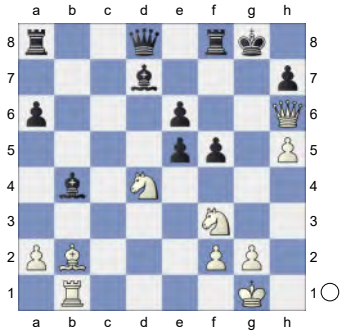


16.Qd3 g6! 17.Qd2 b4 0.88/18
[17...Rc8± 0.48/18]
18.Bxf5± gxf5 19.cxb4 0.39/19
[19.Qh6!± 1.26/20 Ng5 is the strong threat. f6 20.cxb4 Bxb4 21.Bd2 Bxd2 22.Qxd2]
19...Bxb4 1.69/20
[19...Kh8!± 0.39/19]
20.Qh6!+- Intending Ng5! and mate.
20...f6
[20...Bxe1 is a self mate. 21.Ng5]

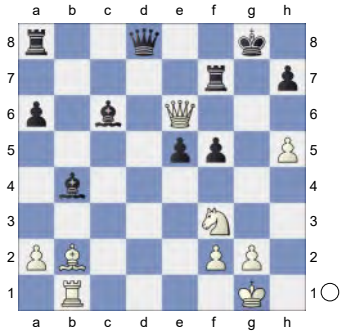
(Diagram)



Prevents Ng5. **21.Bb2! d4** 3.11/20
[⌓21...Bxe1 2.08/20 22.exf6 Rf7!]
22.Nbxd4 Nxe5
[22...Bxe1? 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.exf6± *(24.Nxe1 Rf7∓)*]
23.Rxe5 fxe5

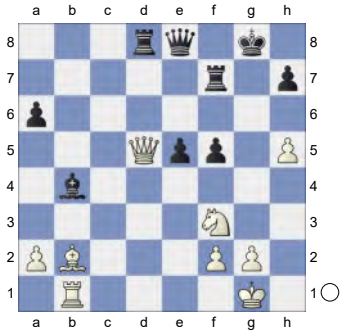


24.Nc6! 0.92/21 Really sharp!
24...Bxc6± 25.Qxe6+→ White has strong attack. **25...Rf7**

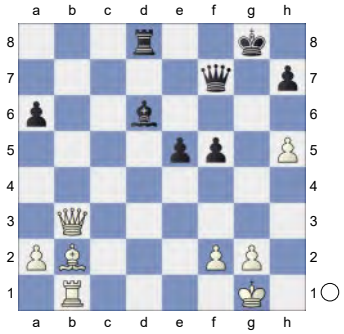


26.Qxc6 Qe8 27.Qd5 0.80/24 &Bianco is more active.
[⌓27.Qc4 1.21/23]
27...Rd8

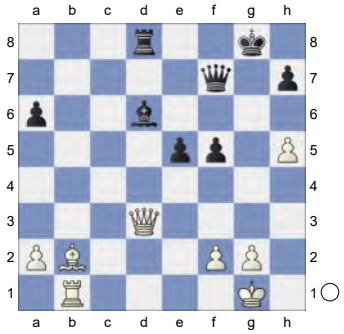
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28.Qb3 Bd6 1.34/21
[⌓28...Bf8 0.91/22]
29.Ng5 Pin **29...Qe7** 1.68/23
[29...h6± 1.12/20 30.Nxf7 Qxf7]
30.Nxf7+- Qxf7

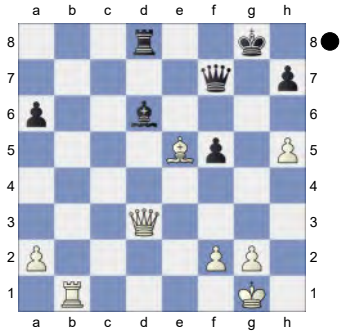


31.Qg3+ Qg7 32.Qd3 aiming for Rd1.
32...Qf7? 3.97/21
[32...e4 1.68/20 33.Qxa6 Qf7]



33.Bxe5!

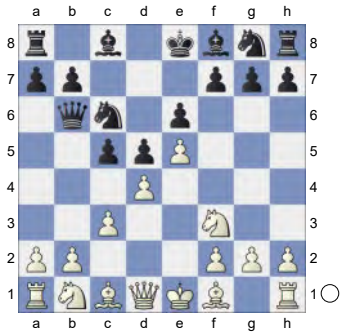
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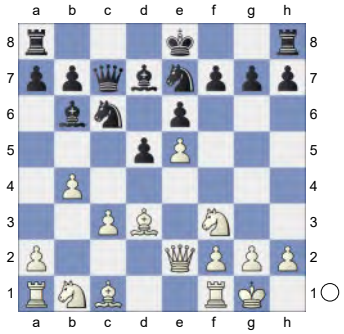
150 **C02**
□ **Dann,Matthias** **2477**
■ **Trachtmann,Mark** **2242**
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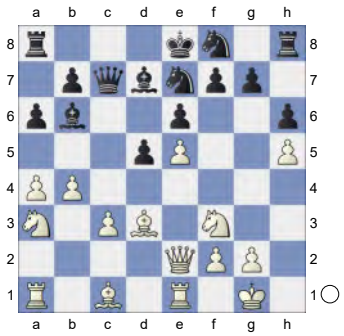


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Qc7 8.0-0 Bxc5 9.b4 Bb6 10.Qe2 Nge7

(Diagram)

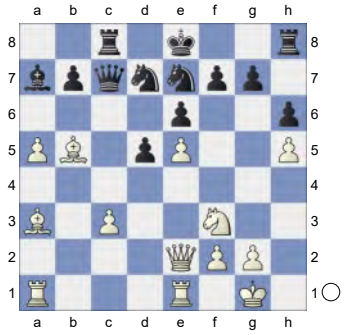


11.a4 And now a5 would win. White is slightly better. **11...a6 12.Na3N**
[12.a5 Ba7 13.Na3 Bb8 14.Re1 Ng6 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Bg5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.Qxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 f6 20.Re3 fxg5 21.Re5 Rh5 0-1 (21) D Ettorre,R (1849)-Schiller (1350) Yerevan (ol) 67/130 2023 CT-1266 [John Watson]]
12...Ng6 13.Re1 Nce7 0.96/20
[13...Ba7= 0.27/19 keeps the balance.]
14.h4 h6 1.68/21
[14...Qxc3 15.Bd2 Qc8 16.h5]
[14...h5± 0.75/18 was necessary.]
15.h5 Nf8
[15...Qxc3? 16.Bd2 Nf4 17.Bxf4+-]

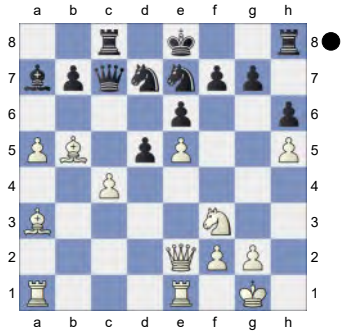


16.a5 Ba7
[16...Qxc3? 17.Bd2 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2+-]
17.b5 Strongly threatening b6. &Bianco is more active. **17...axb5** 2.17/20
[17...Qxa5 18.bxa6 bxa6 19.Nc2±]
[17...Bc5± 1.57/19]

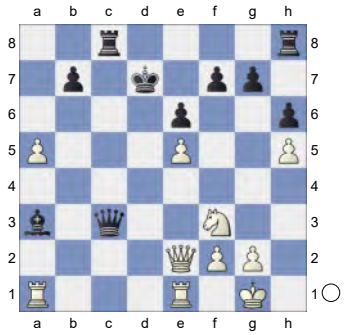
18.Nxb5+- Bxb5 19.Bxb5+ Nd7 20.Ba3 A strong pair of Bishops.
20...Rc8



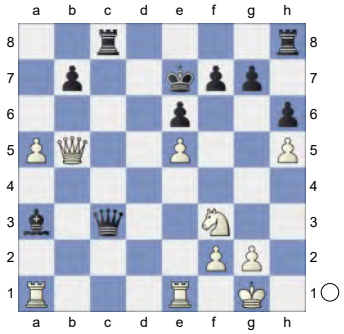
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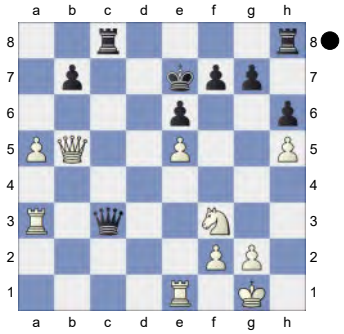
aiming for cxd5. **21...Bc5 22.cxd5 Bxa3 23.d6**
[Less strong is 23.Rxa3 Nxd5 24.Qe4 *(24.a6 bxa6 25.Bxa6 Ra8±)* 24...Kf8±]
23...Qc3 5.97/24
[23...Bxd6 3.32/21 keeps fighting. 24.exd6 Qxd6]
24.dxe7 Kxe7 25.Bxd7 White is clearly winning. **25...Kxd7**



26.Qb5+ Ke7
(Diagram)



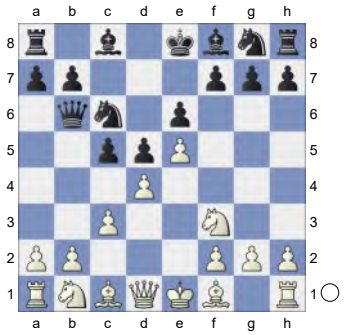
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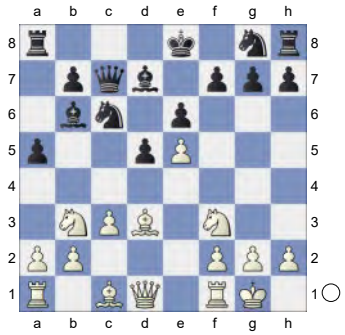
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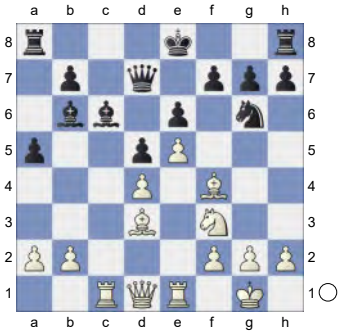


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5 9.Nbd2 Qc7
[9...f6 10.Qe2 fxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qxe5 Nf6 13.Nf3 0-0 14.Qe2 Bd6 15.Ne5 Rae8 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Bd4 Re7 18.Rae1 Be8 19.Qe3 a4 20.f4 Nd7 21.Rf3 Bxe5 22.fxe5 Rxf3 23.Qxf3 Nc5 24.Bc2 Holzmann,M (2499)-Oranta,R (2253) Malmoe/Kobenhavn 90/458 2015 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (57)]
10.Nb3 Bb6N
[10...Ba7 11.Re1 Nge7 12.Nbd4 Bxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qb6 15.Qg4 Qb4 16.Re3 g6 17.a3 Qb6 18.Qh5 gxh5 0-1 (18) Baerner,H (1884)-Osman,G (1776) IECG email 2006 CYB 12 [John Watson]]

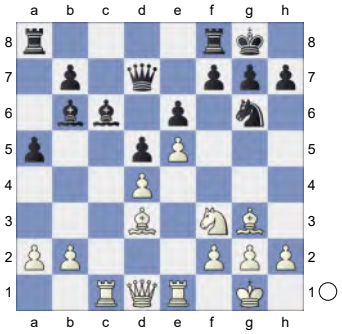


11.Bf4
[11.Re1 is more complex. Nge7 12.Bd2 0-0 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.Ng5+]
11...Nge7 White is slightly better.
12.Nbd4 Nxd4 13.cxd4 Bc6 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.Re1 Ng6

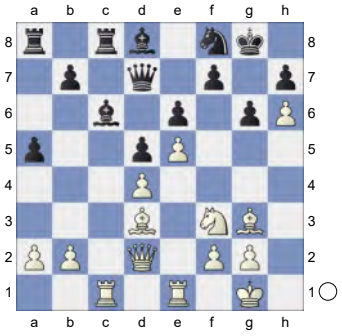
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16.Bg3 0-0

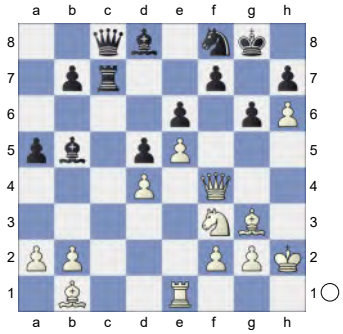


17.h4! Rfc8 18.h5 Nf8 19.h6 g6 1.42/23
[⌓19...Ng6 1.03/20]
20.Qd2± Bd8

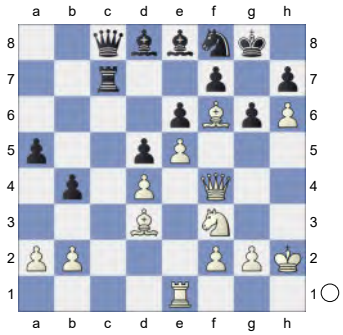


21.Qf4 Bb5 22.Bb1 1.12/22
[Better is 22.Rxc8+- 1.85/26 Rxc8 23.Bxb5 Qxb5 24.Bh4]
22...Rxc1 23.Rxc1
[Resist 23.Qxc1 Qe8±]
23...Rc8 24.Re1 Rc7 25.Kh2 Qc8

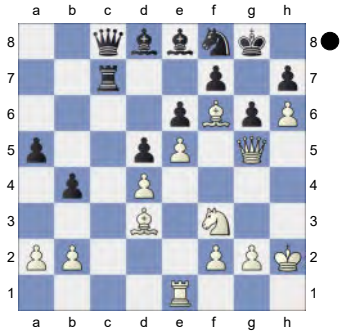
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26.Bh4 Be8 1.41/21
[⌓26...a4 1.10/21]
27.Bd3 &Bianco is much more active.
27...b5 2.56/24
[27...Nd7± 1.41/20 is a better defense. 28.Kg1 Nb6]
28.Bf6+- b4? 8.06/22
[28...Nd7 2.47/23 29.Bxd8 Qxd8 30.Bxb5 Rb7]



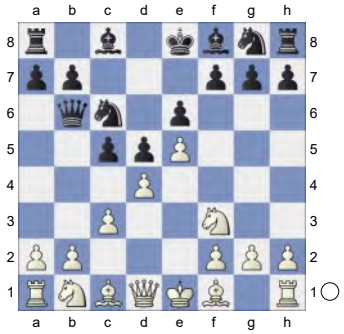
29.Qg5



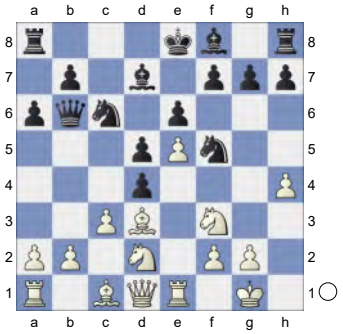
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152 **C02**
□ **Vukcevic,Nemanja** **2275**
■ **Kalezic,B** **2407**
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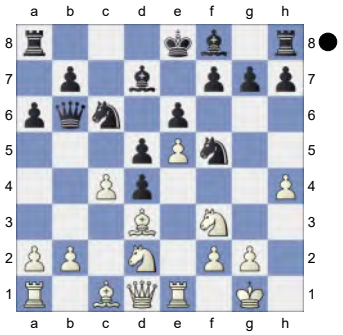
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 a6 The position is equal. **10.Nbd2**
[10.h5 g6 11.Nbd2 gxh5 12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Ng6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nbd4 Bg7 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Ba3 Bf8 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qd2 h6 20.Nd4 Ke7 21.f4 Rag8 22.Qf2 Kd7 23.Rb2 Ne7 24.f5 Kc8 Ganguly,S (2456)-Vladimirov,Y (2612) Kalkata 2001 CBM 082 [Postny,Evgeny] ½-½ (39)]
10...Nf5N
[10...Rc8 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Nxa5 Qxa5 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.h5 Nc6 17.Rb1 Na5 18.h6 g6 19.Rc1 Nc4 20.Bg5 Be7 21.Qe2 Bxg5 22.Nxg5 0-0 23.Qf3 Qd8 24.Qg3 Qe7 25.Rc2 Mrudul,D (2030)-Mohammed,Z (2210) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (36)]
[10...dxc3 11.bxc3 Ng6 12.Nb3 f6 *(12...Qc7 13.Qe2 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Rb1 Bd6 16.Nbd4 e5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Ng7+ Kf7 19.Nh5* 8) Advance of the French-4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 #23*)* 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qc4 e5 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Rb2 Bd3 20.Qa4 f5 21.Nc5 Bb5 22.Qb3 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Na5 24.Qe6+ Bd7 25.Qxe5 Gabrielian,A (2560)-Lugovskoy,M (2397) Yerevan 120/(105) 2014 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Goran] 0-1 (36)]

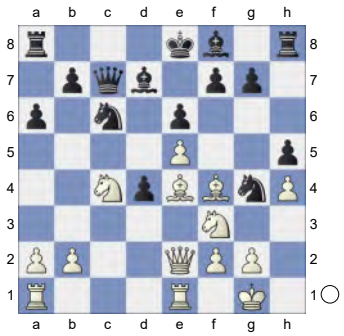


11.c4

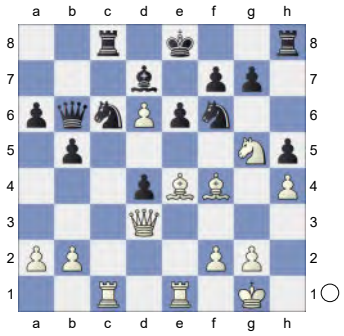


Strongly threatening Bxf5. **11...Ne3 12.Qe2**
[Reject 12.fxe3 dxe3 13.Kh1 *(13.Qb3 Bb4∓)* 13...exd2 14.Bxd2 Be7∓]
12...dxc4 13.Be4 Ng4 0.89/20
[13...Qc7!= 0.01/18 remains equal.]
14.Nxc4± White leaves nothing to chance now. **14...Qc7 15.Bf4** White has strong compensation. **15...h5**

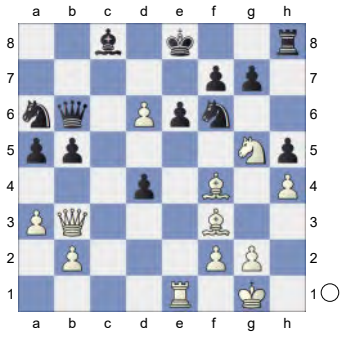
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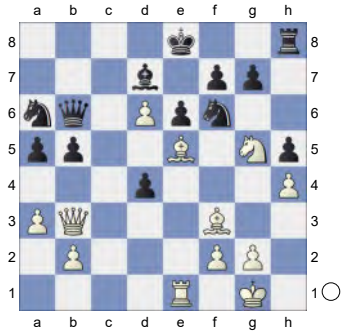
16.Rac1 Rc8 1.51/19
[⌓16...Rb8 1.19/18]
17.Ng5 1.07/19
[White should play 17.Bxc6 1.51/19 bxc6 18.Nxd4]
17...b5 1.98/24
[17...Bb4± 1.07/19 keeps fighting.]
18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.exd6 Qb6 20.Qd3 Nf6



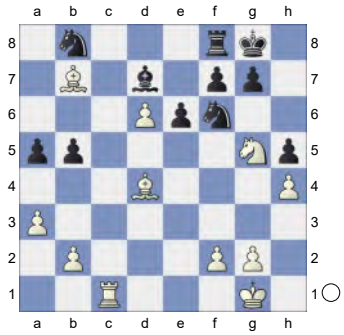
21.Bf3 Nb4? 5.11/22
[21...Kf8 1.88/19 22.Rc2 a5]
22.Rxc8++- Bxc8 23.Qb3 a5 6.80/24
[⌓23...Nc6 4.12/19 24.Rc1 Bd7 25.Bxc6 Bxc6 26.Nxe6 d3 27.Nc7+ Kf8]
24.a3 Na6



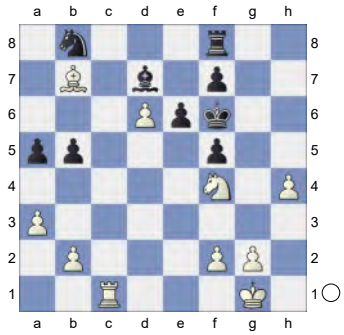
25.Be5 2.17/20 A strong pair of Bishops.
[⌓25.Nxe6! 5.01/21 White wants to mate with Ng5+. fxe6 26.Rxe6+ Bxe6 27.Qxe6+ Kd8 28.Qe7+ Kc8 29.Qxg7]
25...Bd7? 3.71/20
[25...Nc5 2.17/20 26.Qd1 *(26.Bxd4 Nxb3 27.Bxb6 Bd7±)* 26...Ncd7]



26.Qd3 Nb8 27.Rc1 Against Qc5
27...Na6 28.Qxd4 Qxd4 29.Bxd4 0-0 30.Bb7 Nb8

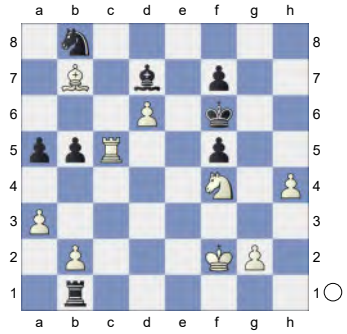


31.Bxf6 gxf6 32.Ne4 f5 33.Nf6+ Kg7 34.Nxh5+ Kg6 35.Nf4+ Kf6

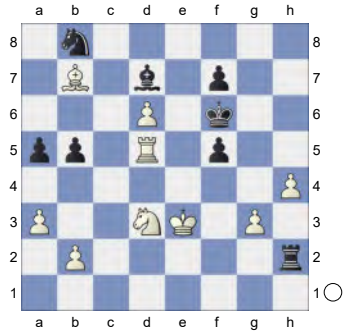


36.Nd3 f4 is the strong threat. **36...e5 37.Rc5 Re8 38.f4 exf4 39.Nxf4 Re1+**

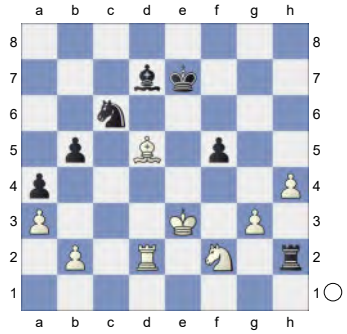
40.Kf2 0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. **40...Rb1**



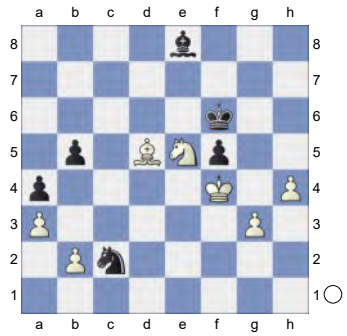
41.Nd3 Rd1 42.Ke2 Rh1 43.g3 Rh2+ 44.Ke3 Ke6 45.Rd5 Kf6



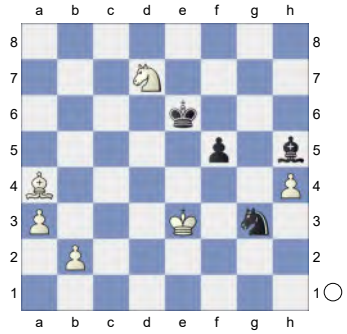
46.Nf2 a4? 4.72/23
[46...Ke6 2.53/22 47.Nd3 Kf6]
47.Rd2 Ke6 48.Bd5+ 2.49/22
[⌓48.Kd4 4.54/24]
48...Kxd6 49.Bxf7+ Ke7 50.Bd5 Nc6



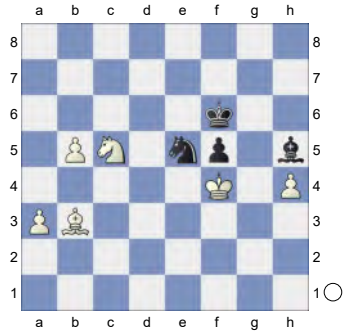
51.Nd3 Against Ne5 **51...Rxd2 52.Kxd2** Endgame KBN-KBN **52...Nd4 53.Ke3 Nc2+** 3.86/24
[⌓53...Nc6 2.64/26 54.Bxc6 Bxc6]
54.Kf4 Black must now prevent h5.
54...Kf6 55.Ne5 Be8
(Diagram)



56.Bc6 Bh5 6.10/26
[56...Bxc6 3.41/24 57.Nxc6 Kg6 58.Ne7+ Kf7]
57.Bxb5 White is clearly winning.
57...Nd4 58.Nd7+ Ke6 59.Bxa4 Ne2+ 60.Ke3 Nxg3

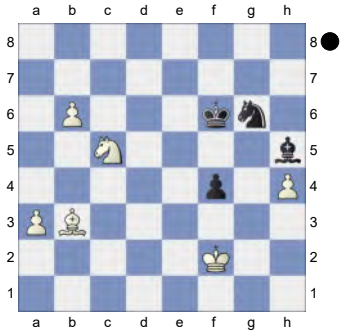


61.Nc5+ Kf6 62.b4 Nf1+ 8.17/25
[⌓62...Ke5 4.82/19 63.Nd3+ Ke6]
63.Kf4 Nd2 64.b5 Nc4 65.Bb3 Ne5



66.b6 And now b7 would win. **66...Ng6+ 67.Ke3 f4+ 68.Kf2**

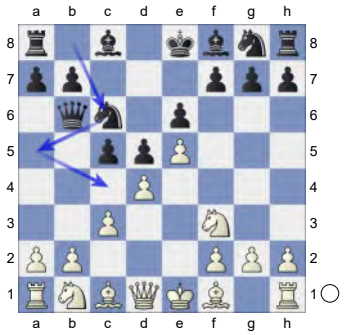
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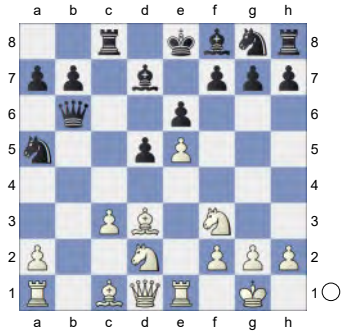
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153 **C02**
□ **Rojas Salas,Steven Javier** **2223**
■ **Ticona Rocabado,Licael Roderick**
Cusco zt 2.4 (7) 01.02.2025
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



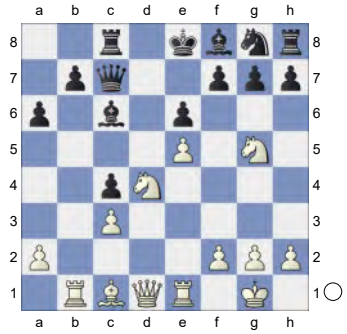
6.Bd3 cxd4 **7.0-0!** is currently scoring better than 7.cxd4.wohl besser als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2** The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Na5**
[10...Nge7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qe5 Merario Alarcon,A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024 [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]



11.Rb1 Qc7 12.Nb3 -0.14/18
[12.Ng5 0.21/18 is more appropriate.]
[12.c4 dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ne4 Ng6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ng5 Rc5 18.Ne4 Rf5 19.g4 Rd5 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxd5 Ne5 22.Rxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5 Rg8 24.Bxh7 Qh4 25.Bxg8 Qxg4+ 26.Kf1 Qd1+ Cheparinov,I (2663)-Svane,F (2618) Baku AZE 2023 [John Watson] ½-½]
12...Nc4N
[12...Ba4 13.Nfd4 Ne7 14.Bb5+ Bxb5 15.Nxb5 Qd7 16.Nd6+ Kd8 17.Nxa5 1-0 (17) Posizione (2515)-Faria,M (2321) Bastia (m/1-rapid) 96/74 2023 ZUS D32 [John Watson]]
13.Nbd4 a6 0.62/21
[Black should try 13...h6= 0.01/18]
14.Bxc4±
[14.h4 0.01/20 14.Bxc4 0.65 h6 0.35/18 *(14...b5=* 0.01/20) 15.Bxc4± dxc4 0.07/19 *(15...Qxc4±* 0.44/21 *16.Rxb7 Ne7)* 16.Nd2!= Ne7 1.26/22 *(16...b5±* 0.57/18) 17.Ba3 0.01/22 *(17.Ne4!±* 1.26/22 *Nd5 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.exd6)* 17...Nd5 *(17...Ng6!? 18.Bd6 Bxd6 19.exd6 Qxd6∓)*

18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Qf3 b5 0.31/22 *(19...Kg8= -0.01/21 deserves consideration.)* 20.Ne4 1-0 Paichadze, L (2504)-Antunez,S (2200) Titled Tuesday intern op 30th Jul Late blitz 2024 (7) *(20.a4!?)*]

14...dxc4 15.Ng5 Strongly threatening Qh5. **15...Bc6**



16.Nxc6 0x0.0026f9770bb4dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **16...Qxc6 17.Ne4! Rd8 18.Qf3** Threatens to win with Rxb7! **18...Rd5** 1.90/20

[18...Rd7± 0.76/21 was worth a try.]

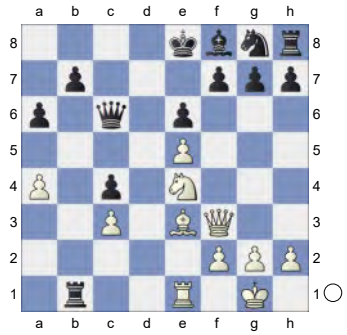
19.Be3!+-

[19.Ng5 Nh6=]

19...Rb5 Against Rb6 **20.a4 Rxb1** 2.65/22

[20...Rxe5? 21.Rxb7!! Qxb7 22.Nd6+! Bxd6 23.Qxb7+-]

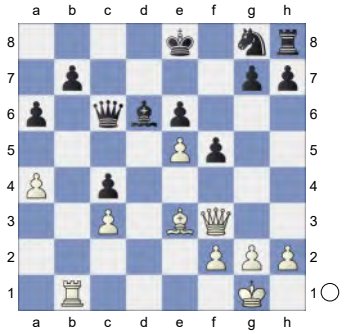
[20...Rb3 1.73/22 was called for. 21.Rbd1 Be7]



21.Rxb1 f5 22.Nd6+

[22.exf6 Nxf6 23.Nxf6+ gxf6+-]

22...Bxd6



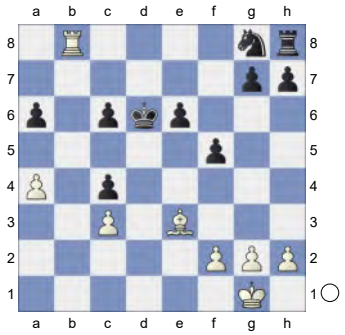
23.Qxc6+!

[23.exd6 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Nf6±]

23...bxc6 24.exd6 Endgame KRB-KRN **24...Kd7 25.Rb8?** 1.41/22

[25.Bf4+- 3.81/23 is more deadly. Nf6 26.Rb7+ Kc8 27.Rc7+ *(27.Rxg7 Nd7±)* 27...Kd8 28.Ra7 *(28.Rxc6 Rg8+-; 28.Rxg7 Nd7±)*]

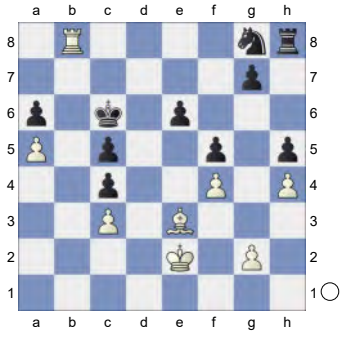
25...Kxd6±



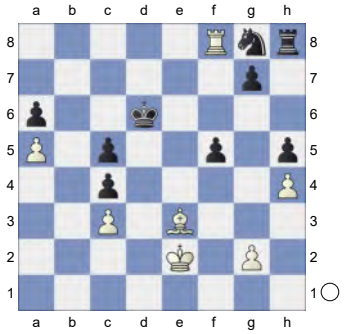
26.f4 c5 Prevents Bd4. **27.a5** White has strong compensation. **27...Kd5 28.Kf1** Rc8 is the strong threat. **28...h5?** 3.51/23

[28...h6± 1.32/22 29.Rd8+ Kc6]

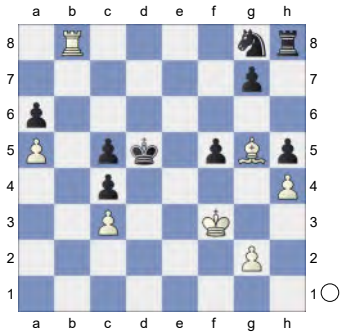
29.h4+- Kd6 30.Ke2 Kc6



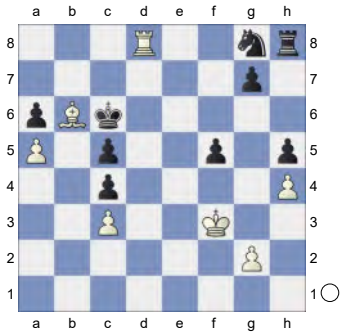
31.Re8 Kd6 32.Ra8 Kd5? 4.56/25
[32...Kc6 2.14/24 33.Kf3 *(33.Rxa6+ Kb7±)* 33...Kb7]
33.Rc8 e5 34.fxe5 Kxe5 35.Rf8 Kd6



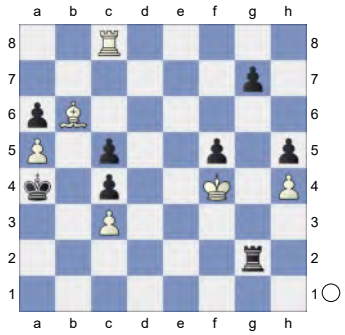
36.Kf3 Kc6 37.Bf4 Kd7 5.92/29
[⌓37...Kb5 4.17/27 38.Be5 Rh6]
38.Be3? -0.01/25
[38.Ra8+- 5.92/29 Kc6 39.Rxa6+ Kb7 40.Rb6+ Ka7 41.Rb8]
38...Kd6? 4.90/29
[38...Kc6!= -0.01/25]
39.Bg5 Kc6 40.Rb8 Kd5



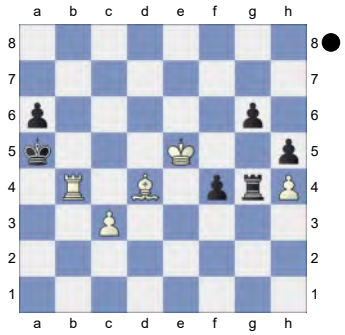
41.Re8 Kc6 42.Bd8 Kd7 43.Rf8 Kd6 44.Bb6 Kd5 45.Rd8+ Kc6



46.Ke3
[46.Rc8+ Kd7 47.Rf8 *(47.Rxc5 Ne7±)* 47...Kd6 48.Rd8+ *(48.Rxf5 Nf6±)* 48...Ke7+-]
46...Kb5 47.Rc8 Rh6 48.Rxg8 KRB-KR **48...Rg6 49.Kf4** Prevents Rg3. **49...Rxg2 50.Rc8**
[Less strong is 50.Kxf5 Rg3±]
50...Ka4



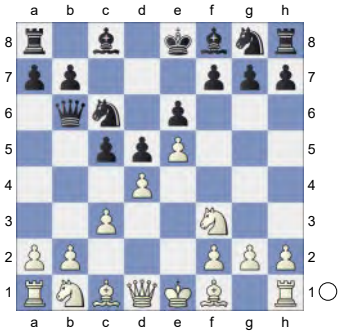
51.Bxc5 Kxa5 52.Bd4
[Not 52.Kxf5 Ka4 53.Bd4 a5 54.Rxc4+ Kb3+-]
52...g6 53.Rxc4 Rg4+ 54.Ke5 White wants to mate with Rb4. **54...f4** #3/8
[54...Kb5+- 4.44/23 55.Rb4+ Kc6 56.Rb6+ Kd7 57.Rxa6 f4]
55.Rb4



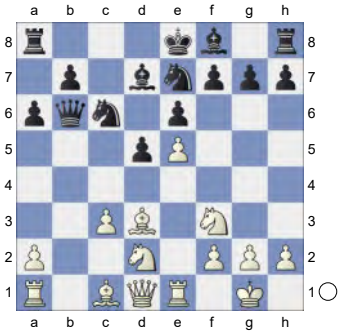
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154 **C02**
□ **Vaishali,Rameshbabu** **2451**
■ **Kakabayev,Mergen** **2285**
19. Asian Continental (7.35) 01.11.2022
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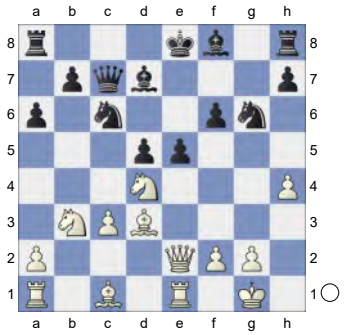
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



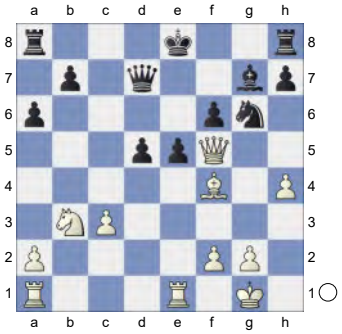
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 a6 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Nge7**



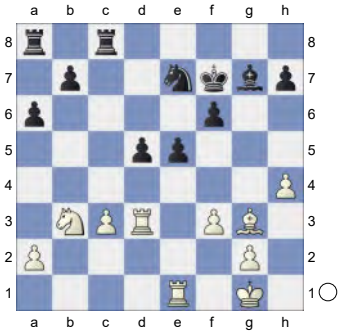
11.h4 Ng6 12.Nb3 Qc7
[12...f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qc4 e5 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Rb2 Bd3 20.Qa4 f5 21.Nc5 Bb5 22.Qb3 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Na5 24.Qe6+ Bd7 25.Qxe5 Nc4 26.Qxc7+ Kxc7 27.Rbe2 Gabrielian,A (2560)-Lugovskoy,M (2397) Yerevan 120/(105) 2014 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Goran] 0-1 (36)]
13.Qe2 f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nfd4N -0.01/18
[15.Rb1!± 0.39/19 Bd6 16.Nbd4 e5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Ng7+ Kf7 19.Nh5 8) Advance of the French-4...Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 #23]
[15.Qc2 0-0-0 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qxg6 Bd6 18.Qxf6 Rdf8 19.Qg7 e5 20.Bg5 e4 21.Nfd4 Be5 22.Qg6 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Bf5 25.Qxf5+ Rxf5 26.Rac1 Rf7 27.Rxc7+ Rxc7 28.g4 Rf7 29.Kg2 Rg8 Ulms,S (2111)-Dokhoian,Y (2167) Russian Team Championship 2023 Inf33 [John Watson] 0-1 (54) 30.Re3 Rgf8 31.Rc3+ Kd7 32.Rc2 Rf3 33.Be3 Rg8 34.g5 Rh8 35.Rc5 Kd6 36.Rc1 Rxh4 37.Rc8 Rg4+ 38.Kf1 Rf7 39.Rd8+ Kc6 40.Ke2 Rg1 41.Rg8 Rf5 42.g6 Rf6 43.g7 Rfg6 44.Bh6 Kb5 Matta,V (2111)-Coles,R (2167) Biel 2023 0-1 (54)]
15...e5



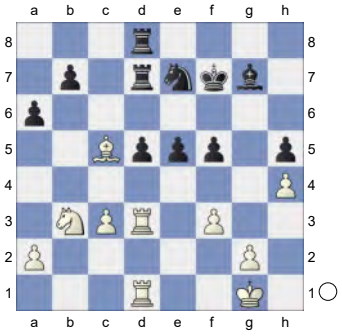
16.Qh5 -0.23/20
[⌓16.Nxc6 0.09/18 bxc6 17.c4]
16...Nce7! 17.Bf4 Bg7
[17...Qxc3 18.Bxg6+ Nxg6 19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Rxe5+ Be7 21.Rae1±]
18.Nf5 -0.97/21
[18.Bh2!∓ -0.51/17 deserves consideration.]
18...Nxf5 19.Bxf5 Bxf5
[19...Qxc3? 20.Bxd7+ Kxd7 21.Rac1!+-]
20.Qxf5 Qd7
(Diagram)



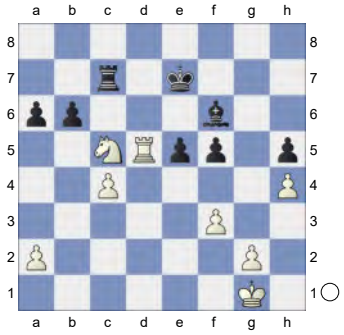
21.Qxd7+ Kxd7 22.Bg3 -1.79/21
[22.Be3∓ -1.01/21]
22...Rhc8-+ 23.Rad1 Ne7
[23...Rxc3 24.Rxd5+ Ke8 25.Rd6∓]
24.Rd3 Ke6 25.f3 Kf7 -1.34/21
[25...Rc4-+ -1.71/19 26.Na5 Rc7]



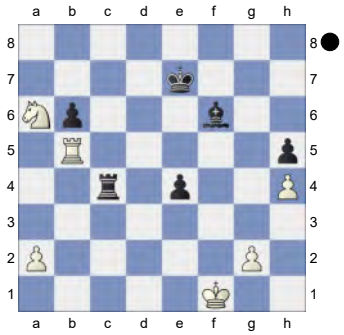
26.Bf2∓ f5 27.Bc5 Rd8 28.Nd4 -1.35/19 **Rd7 29.Nb3**
[29.Bxe7? exd4 30.Bc5 dxc3-+]
29...h5 -1.05/21
[⌓29...Rc8 -1.37/19 30.g3 Rcc7]
30.Red1 Rad8 -0.88/20
[⌓30...Rc8 -1.23/20 31.Bxe7 Kxe7 32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Rxd5 b6]



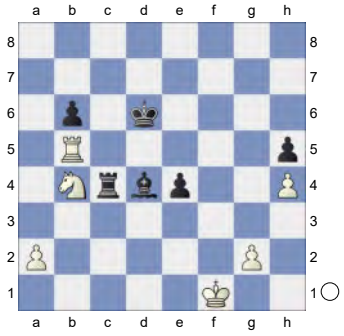
31.Bxe7 Kxe7 32.Nc5 Rc7 33.Rxd5 Rxd5 34.Rxd5 Endgame KRB-KRN
34...Bf6! 35.c4 b6



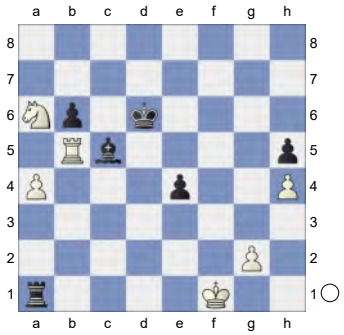
36.Nxa6 Rxc4 37.Rb5 e4 -0.48/20
[37...Bxh4∓ -0.98/20 Threatens to win with ...Bg3. 38.Rxe5+ Kd7]
38.fxe4 -1.21/25
[Better is 38.Kf1∓ -0.48/20]
38...fxe4 ...e3 is the strong threat.
39.Kf1



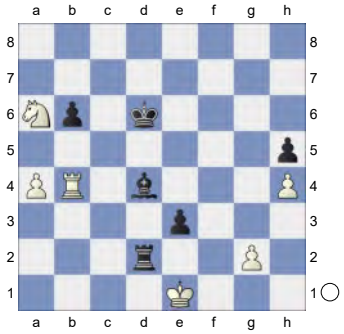
Bd4!
[39...Bxh4 40.Rxh5 Bf6 41.Rb5∓]
40.Nb4 -2.11/23 This costs White the game.
[40.Rb4∓ -0.86/22 Rxb4 41.Nxb4]
40...Kd6-+



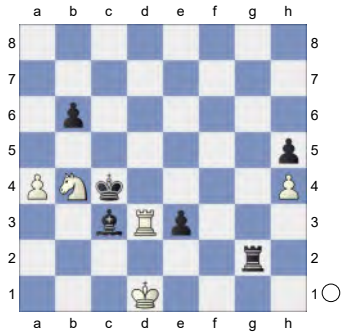
41.Ke2 Bc5 42.a3 Rc3 43.a4 Re3+ 44.Kf1 Ra3 45.Na6 Ra1+
[45...Rxa4? 46.Nxc5 bxc5 47.Rb6+ Ke5 48.Ke2-+]



46.Ke2 Ra2+
[Inferior is 46...Rxa4 47.Nxc5 bxc5 48.Ke3∓]
47.Kf1 Be3
[Wrong is 47...Rxa4? 48.Nxc5 bxc5 49.Rb6+ Ke5 50.Ke2-+]
48.Rb3 Bd4
[And not 48...Rxa4 49.Rxe3 Rxa6 50.Rxe4=]
49.Rb4 Rd2 aiming for ...e3. **50.Ke1?** -5.49/22
[50.Rc4 -2.35/24 nothing else works.]
50...e3



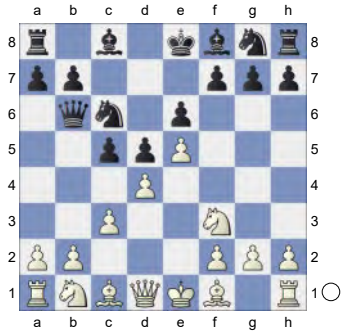
White must now prevent ...Be5. **51.Rb3** -7.16/23
[⌓51.g3 -4.44/24]
51...Rxg2 52.Nb4 Kc5 53.Kd1 Kc4 54.Rd3 Bc3 -8.24/26
[⌓54...Kxb4 -#17/25 55.Rxd4+ Kc3 56.Rd8 Rd2+ 57.Rxd2 exd2 58.Ke2 Kc2 59.Kf3 d1Q+ 60.Ke4 Qg4+ 61.Kd5 Qxh4 62.Ke5 Qxa4 63.Kf5 h4 64.Ke5 h3 65.Ke6 h2 66.Kd6 h1Q 67.Ke6 Qe8+ 68.Kf5 Qhe4+ 69.Kg5 Q8g6#]



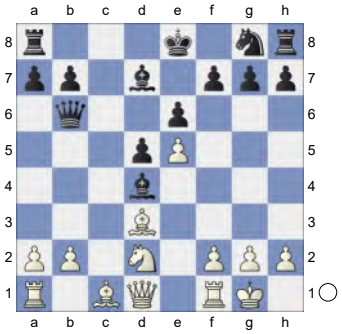
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155 **C02**
□ **Wieczorek,Oskar** **2504**
■ **Luberanski,Jakub** **2255**
12. Dziedzica Mem 2022 (9.8) 13.11.2022
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

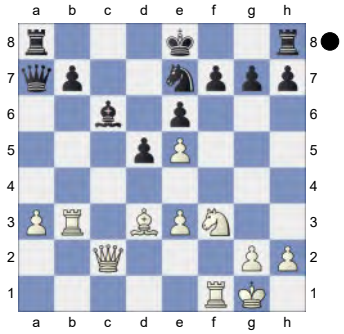


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 is cutting edge theory. ist die Avantgarde der Theorie. **9...Bc5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4**

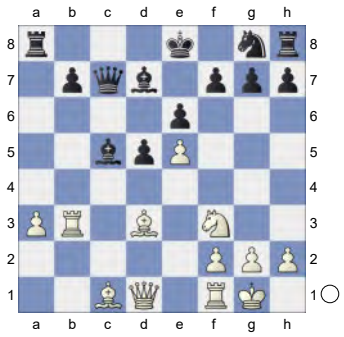


11.Nf3 Bc5 The position is equal.
[11...Bxb2? 12.Rb1+-]
[11...Ne7 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Re1 Nc6 14.Be3 Qxe5 15.Bc5 Qg5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Ba3 Nd4 18.Qb4 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Nxe1 20.Rxe1 Rc8 21.f4 Qh4 22.g3 Qd8 23.Qd6 Rc5 24.f5 Qc7 25.Bxc5 Qxc5 26.Qb8+ Milliet,S (2374)-Prusikin,M (2541) Merlimont 114/83 2011 CI1-130 [Prusikin,Michael] 0-1 (56)]
12.a3 a5 Inhibits b4. **13.Rb1N**
[13.b3 Bb5 14.Bf4 Ne7 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 Rxa1 17.Bxb5+ Qxb5 18.Qxa1 Bb6 19.Be3 0-0 20.Bxb6 Qxb6 21.Qb2 Nc6 22.Rb1 f6 23.exf6 Rxf6 24.b5 Na5 25.Ra1 Nc4 26.Ra8+ Rf8 27.Qa1 Qxb5 Fabri,H (1936)-Omar Aden,O (1779) Budapest 2024 0-1 (59)]
13...a4 14.b4 -0.14/20
[⌓14.Ng5 0.24/18]
14...axb3!= 15.Rxb3 Qc7N
[Vorgänger: 15...Qa7 16.Qe2 -0.42/19 *(16.Ng5= 0.20/20)* 16...Ne7 17.Be3 -0.73/19 *(17.Ng5= -0.30/18* was preferrable.*)* 17...Bc6 18.Qc2? -2.51/20 *(18.Bxc5∓ -0.48/21 Qxc5 19.Qb2)* 18...Bxe3-+ 19.fxe3

(Diagram)

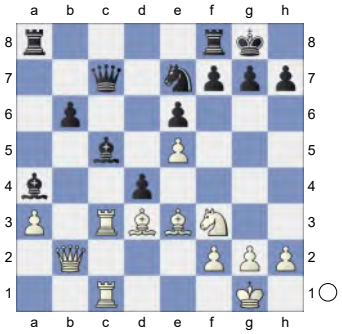


Ba4! 20.Nd4 Bxb3 21.Bb5+ Kd8? -0.75/19 *(21...Nc6!-+* -2.39/23 *22.Bxc6+ bxc6 23.Qxc6+ Kf8 24.Nxb3 Kg8)* 22.Qxb3∓ Qxa3 23.Qxa3 Rxa3 24.Rxf7 ½-½ (36) Kozlicek,L (2197)-Jinova,L (2089) Zdar nad Sazavou 2007]

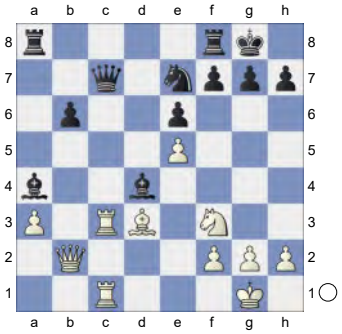


16.Qc2 -0.51/22
[16.Ng5!= -0.01/18]
16...b6 -0.19/21
[16...Ba4∓ -0.51/22 17.Bb5+ Bxb5 18.Rxb5 b6]
17.Rc3 Ba4 18.Qb2 Ne7 19.Be3 0-0 20.Rfc1 d4 0.01/20
[Black should play 20...Rfc8∓ -0.58/20]

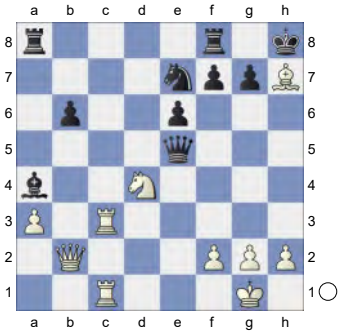
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21.Bxd4= Bxd4? 2.06/23
[21...Ra5= 0.01/20]

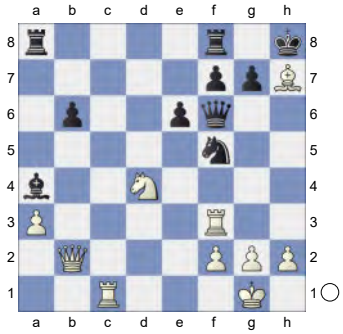


22.Bxh7+!+- Kh8 23.Nxd4 Qxe5

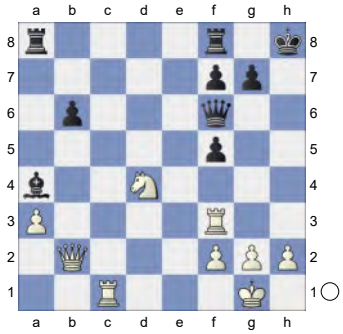


24.Re3! 0.79/23 **Qf6** Against Nf5
[24...Qd6 25.Rh3]
25.Rf3 Nf5 1.69/25
[25...Qg5± 0.99/22 26.Rh3 Nd5]

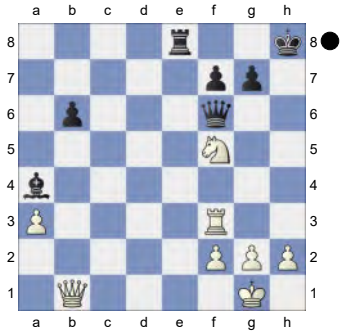
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26.Bxf5 exf5

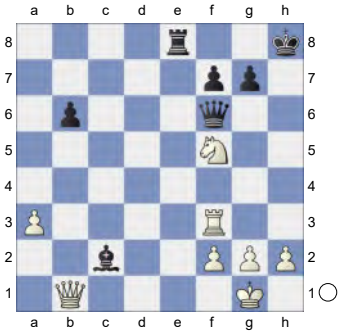


27.Nxf5! Rfc8
[27...Qxb2? 28.Rh3+ Kg8 29.Ne7#]
28.Re1 Re8 Against Ne7
[28...Qxb2? leads to mate. 29.Rh3+ Kg8 30.Ne7+ Kf8 31.Rh8#]
29.Rxe8+ 0.01/23
[Better is 29.Qb4± 1.01/20 Rxe1+ 30.Qxe1]
29...Rxe8= 30.Qb1 -3.93/23
[30.Qc1!= -0.01/24 and White stays safe.]

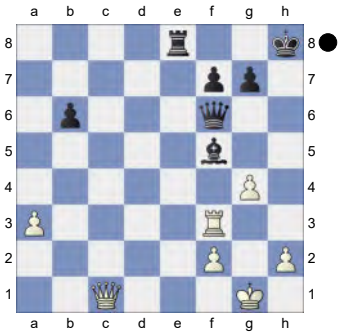


Inhibits Re1+. **30...Bc2!-+**

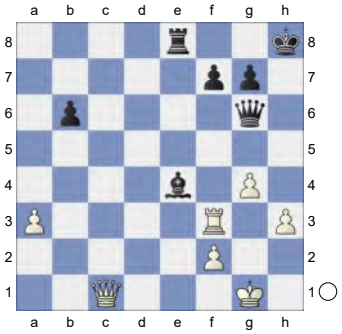
(Diagram)



31.Qc1 Ne3 is the strong threat.
[31.Qf1 Bxf5]
31...Bxf5 32.g4



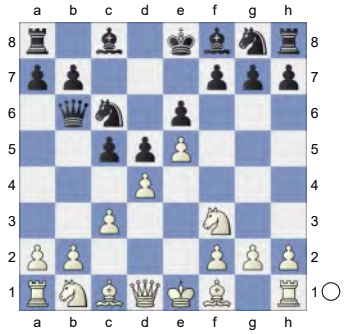
Qg6 33.h3 Be4



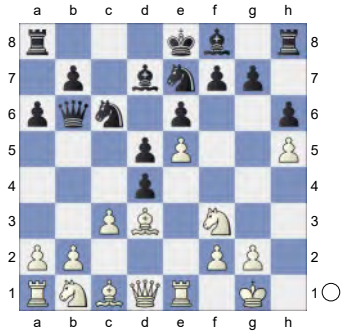
Weighted Error Value: White=0.57/ Black=0.34
0-1

156 **C02**
□ **Yip,Carissa** **2402**
■ **Abrahamyan,Tatev** **2344**
ch-USA w 2021 (2.2) 07.10.2021
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.h5** -0.12/20
[10.Nbd2! 0.30/19 deserves consideration.]
10...h6 0.33/23
[10...g6= -0.12/20 might be stronger.]



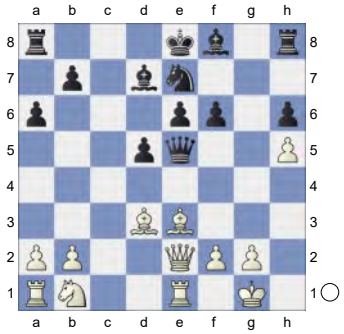
11.Qe2N -0.31/20
[11.Nbd2± 0.33/23 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.c4 Nb4 14.Bf1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Ned5 16.Bb2 Bc5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qc5 22.a3 Nc6 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Bxc6

25.Rc1 Qxd6 26.exd6 1-0 (33) Carlsen,M (2853)-Terry,R (2520) Titled Tue 13th Jun Early 2023 (11)]

11...f5 0.48/19
[11...dxc3∓ -0.31/20 12.bxc3 Rc8]

12.exf6 -0.87/18
[12.Na3± 0.48/19 stays ahead.]

12...gxf6∓ 13.cxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Be3 Qe5 0.36/24
[Black should play 15...Qh4∓ -1.21/18 ...e5 is the strong threat. 16.Nd2 Rg8]

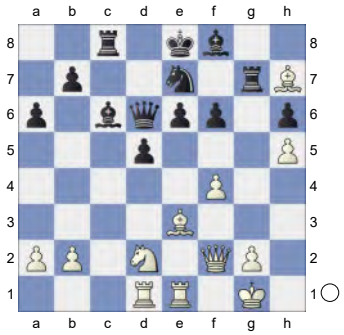


16.Nd2 Hoping for Qf3. White has compensation. **16...Rg8!** **17.f4↑** White has the initiative. **17...Qd6**
[17...Qxb2 18.Rab1 Qa3 19.Rxb7+-]

18.Qf2 Rc8 19.Rad1 Threatens to win with Bh7.
[19.Nb3!?]

19...Bc6? 2.87/20
[19...f5= 0.00/20]

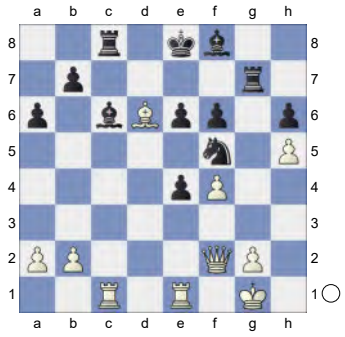
20.Bh7+- Rg7



And now ...d4 would win. **21.Ne4!** Pin, Double Attack **21...Qc7**
[21...Qd8 22.f5]

22.Bb6? 1.64/18
[22.Nxf6+ 4.82/24 Kf7 23.f5 Nxf5 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Qxf5]

22...dxe4 23.Bxc7 Rxh7 24.Bd6 Strongly threatening Bxe7. **24...Rg7**
25.Rc1 Bxe7 would now be deadly.
25...Nf5 3.26/21
[25...f5± 1.59/19 26.Red1 Rd8 27.Bxe7 Rxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Bxe7]



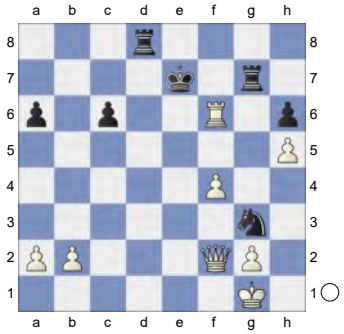
Black cannot hold the game after this.
26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Rxe4 Pin **27...Rd8?** 5.20/18
[27...Kf7 3.18/18 28.Rec4 Ne7 29.Rxc6 bxc6]



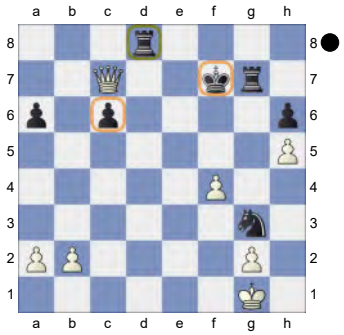
28.Rxc6! White is clearly winning.
28...bxc6 29.Rxe6 Ng3 30.Rxf6+
[30.Rxc6? Rd1+-+ *(30...Nxh5? 31.Qc5+ Kg8 32.Qxh5+-; 30...Nxh5? 31.Qc5+ Kg8 32.Qxh5+-)*]

30...Ke7

(Diagram)



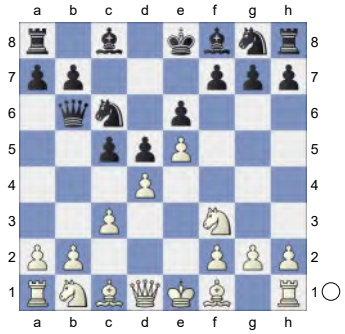
(-> ...Rd1+) **31.Qc5+**
[31.Rxc6? too greedy. Rd1+-+ *(31...Nxh5 32.Qc5+ Kf7 33.Qxh5+ Kf8 34.Rf6+ Kg8 35.Rxh6 Kf8 36.Rh8+ Ke7 37.Qe5+ Kd7 38.Qxg7+; 31...Nxh5 32.Qc5+ Ke8 33.Qxh5+ Kd7 34.Rxa6 Ke7 35.Qc5+ Ke8 36.Re6+ Kf7 37.Qe7+ Kg8 38.Qxd8+)*]
31...Kxf6 32.Qe5+
[32.Qxc6+? perishes. Kf5 33.Kh2 Nf1+ *(33...Nxh5 34.Qc5+* Skewer *Kxf4 35.Qxh5=)* 34.Kg1 Ne3-+]
32...Kf7 White must now prevent ... Rd1+. **33.Qc7+**



Skewer, Deflection, Double Attack.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.74
1-0

157 **C02**
□ **Bisby,Daniel L** **2277**
■ **Reimanis,Ritvars** **2374**
BCF-chT 2223 (4NCL) (5.5) 11.02.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 **7.0-0!** is more profitable than 7.cxd4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Nbd2** **g5N**
[Predecessor: 8...Rc8 0.23/17 8...dxc3 -0.16 9.Nb3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Re1 Nge7 12.h4 Ng6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5 0.75/20 *(14...Nh4± 0.31/19)* 15.Nxe5± Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 1-0 (47) Carlsen,M (2863)-Harikrishna,P (2732) Lichess.org INT 2020 Bf6 18.Re3 Rxc3 19.Rb1 d4 20.Rg3 0-0 21.Bb2 Rfc8 22.Bxc3 dxc3 23.Rd1 Bc6 24.Bc2 Kf8 25.Re3 b6 26.Nd4 Bd5 27.a4 g6 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Nb5 Rc4 30.Nxa7 Rb4 31.Nb5 Rb2 32.Rc1 Molina,R (2863)-Kennaugh,C (2732) Deutschland 86/289 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (47)]
[8...Nge7 9.Re1 Ng6 10.g3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Be7 13.Nb3 a6 14.Nbd4 Na5 15.h4 h6 16.Bxg6

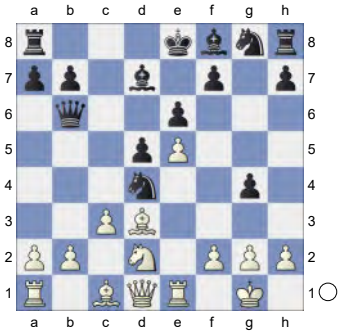
fxg6 17.Qc2 Kf7 18.Ne2 Rac8 19.Nf4 Qxc3 20.Qxg6+ Kg8 21.Bd2 Qa3 22.Nd4 Nc4 23.Nh5 Paichadze,L (2527)-Omidi,A (2321) Bikaner 2022 1-0]

[8...dxc3 9.bxc3 Nge7 10.Nb3 Ng6 11.Re1 Be7 12.Rb1 a6 13.h4 Qc7 14.Qe2 Bxh4 15.Nxh4 Nxh4 16.Ba3 Qd8 17.Nc5 Qa5 18.Qb2 Rb8 19.c4 dxc4 20.Bxc4 Bc8 21.Ne4 Nf5 22.Nd6+ Nxd6 23.Bxd6 Koestinger,D (2384)-Chigorin Variation (2233) Moscow 2023 Schlechter-Tarrasch [John Watson] 1-0 (58)]

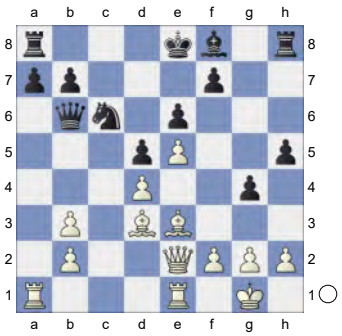
9.Re1 White has an edge. **9...g4**

[9...dxc3 with more complications. 10.bxc3 g4 11.Ng5 Qc7]

10.Nxd4 Nxd4



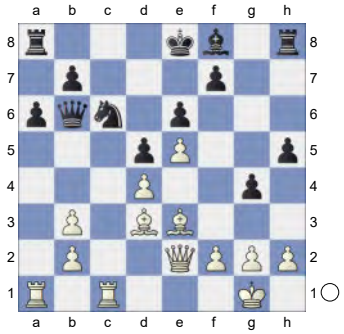
11.cxd4 h5 12.Nb3 Ba4 13.Be3 Ne7 14.Qe2 Bxb3 15.axb3 Nc6



16.Rec1 a6

[16...Nxd4? 17.Qd1 Bc5 18.Rxc5! Qxc5 19.Bxd4+-]

(Diagram)



17.f3 0.01/20

[17.Bb5!± 0.50/19]

17...Bh6 0.37/20

[17...Nxd4? 18.Qf2 Bc5 19.Rxc5! Qxc5 20.Bxd4+-]

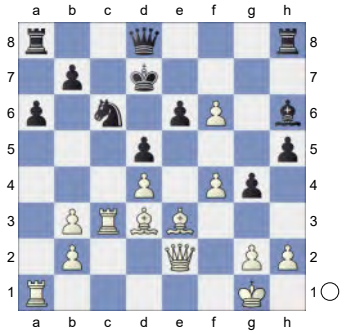
[17...gxf3= 0.01/20 18.Qxf3 Bh6]

18.f4±

[Not 18.fxg4? Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 20.Kh1 Bxc1 21.Rxc1 hxg4-+]

18...Kd7 19.Rc3 f5 20.exf6 f7 is the strong threat. **20...Qd8** 1.19/19

[20...Raf8± 0.45/18]



21.f7± And now Rf1 would win. &Bianco is more active. **21...Qf6 22.Rf1 Nxd4** 1.42/21

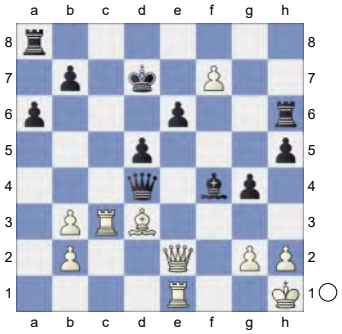
[⌓22...Qxf7 0.78/19 23.f5 Bxe3+ 24.Qxe3 Raf8]

23.Bxd4 0.14/22

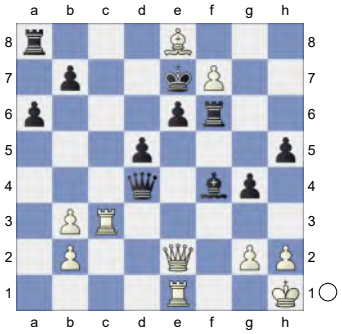
[23.Qf2± 1.42/21 Bg7 24.f5]

23...Qxd4+= 24.Kh1 Strongly threatening f5. **24...Bxf4 25.Re1 Rh6**

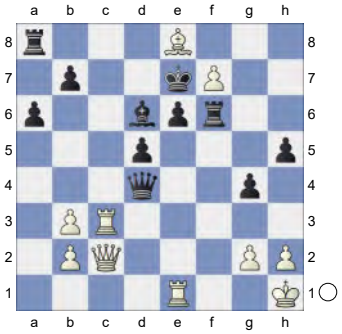
(Diagram)



26.Bb5+!→ White attacks. **26...Ke7 27.Be8 Rf6** 1.47/21
[Much less strong is 27...Rxe8 28.fxe8N Kxe8 29.Rd1±]
[27...Kf8= -0.01/21]

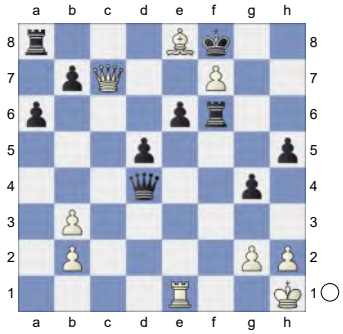


28.Qc2!± Threatens to win with Rc7+! The board is on fire. **28...Bd6** #13/19
[28...Qb4± 1.44/21 29.g3 Bh6]

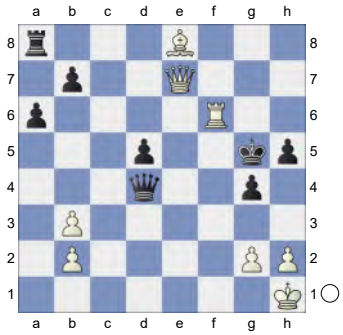


Inhibits Rc7+. Black cannot hold the game after this. **29.Rc7+! Bxc7 30.Qxc7+ Kf8**

(Diagram)



31.Qd6+ Kg7 Hoping for ...Qf4. **32.Qe7 Kh6 33.f8Q+** Overworked Piece **33...Rxf8 34.Rxe6+ Rf6 35.Rxf6+ Kg5**

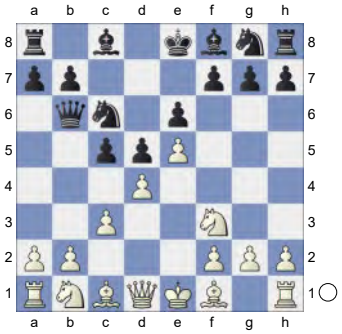


Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.49
1-0

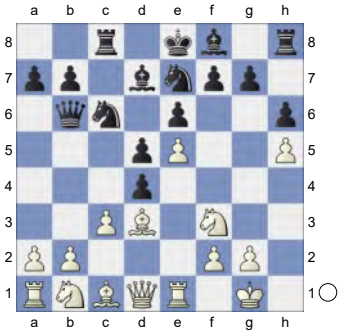
158 **C02**
□ **Buscara,Sevan** **2359**
■ **Md Imran** **2222**
12. Tamil Nadu IM Norm Closed Circuit (..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**



11.Nbd2

[11.Bc2 dxc3 12.Nxc3 d4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Be4 Nd5 15.Bxd5 exd5 16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Qc4 18.Qxc4 Rxc4 19.Nc3 d4 20.Ne4 Bb4 21.Nd6+ Bxd6 22.exd6+ Be6 23.b3 Rc5 24.Bb2 Rd5 25.Rad1 Rxd6 Holzmann,M (2537)-Seryshev,V (2680) Finistere 2008 Telechess CBM 89 [Pierce book p30-31] ½-½]

11...g5N 0.27/19

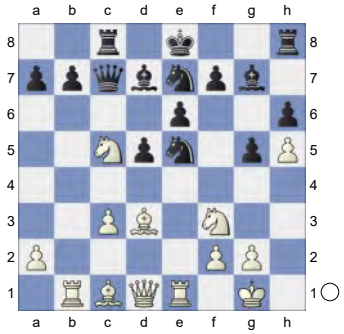
[⌓11...dxc3 -0.10/18 12.bxc3

A) 12...Qc7 13.Rb1 Na5 14.c4 *(14.Ba3 Qxc3 15.Nb3 Nec6 16.Rc1 Qxe1+ 17.Qxe1 Bxa3 18.Rc2 Nxb3 19.axb3 0-0 20.Qe3 Be7 21.Nd4 Nb4 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bb1 a5 24.Nf3 a4 25.bxa4 Bxa4 26.Kh2 b5 27.Qa7 Bf8 28.Qd7 Ra8* Guo,A (2432)-Ostrovskiy,A (2404) New York 2022 CBM 211 [Braun, Christian] 1-0 (35) *)* 14...dxc4 15.Bc2 Nd5 16.Ne4 b5 17.Be3 a6 18.Bd4 Nb7 19.Nfd2 Rd8 20.Qg4 Bc6 21.Rbd1 Nb4 22.Nd6+ Nxd6 23.exd6 Rxd6 24.Bb1 Qd7 25.Bc5 Rd5 26.Ne4 Nd3 27.Bxd3 Nicolas,G (2085)-Zounani,Y (2125) Albi 2022 ½-½ (45);

B) 12...Na5 13.Rb1 Qd8 14.Nb3 Nxb3 15.Qxb3 Nc6 16.Qxb7 Na5 17.Qb2 Nc4 18.Qe2 Be7 19.Nd4 Qa5 20.Rb3 Ba4 21.Bxc4 dxc4 22.Rb7 Qa6 23.Qf3 Bc6 24.Rxe7+ Kxe7 25.Nxc6+ Rxc6 26.Ba3+ Ke8 27.Bb4 Qc8 Hector,J (2439)-Hansen,L (2216) Malmö SWE 2021 [John Watson] 1-0 (36)]

[11...Nf5 12.g4 Ne3 13.fxe3 dxe3 14.Kh1 exd2 15.Bxd2 d4 16.Rc1 dxc3 17.Bxc3 Nb4 18.Bb1 Qf2 19.Be4 Qg3 20.Rg1 Qh3+ 21.Nh2 Nxa2 22.Bxb7 Nxc1 23.Qxc1 Bc6+ 24.Bxc6+ Rxc6 25.Qd1 Qe3 26.Qa4 Calzetta Ruiz,M (2174)-Farrell,N (2101) Colonia de Sant Jordi 2023 0-1 (40)]

12.Nb3 dxc3 13.bxc3 Bg7 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Nc5 Nxe5



16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Rxb7 -0.64/21

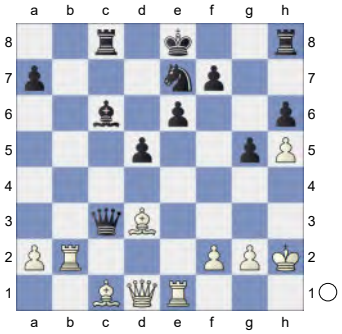
[17.Nxd7± 0.33/21 Kxd7 18.c4]

17...Bh2+∓ 18.Kh1 Qxc5 19.Kxh2 Bc6

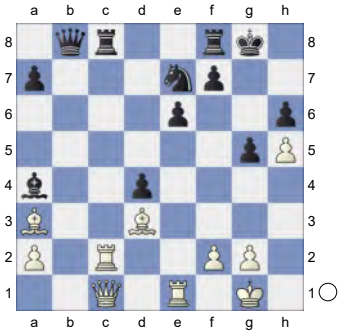
[Of course not 19...Qxf2?! 20.Qe2

Qxe2 21.Bxe2∓]

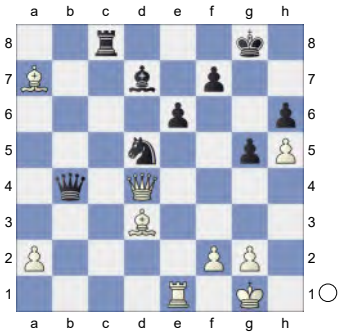
20.Rb2 Qxc3



21.Rc2 Qb4 22.Bb2 d4 0.06/21
[Black should play 22...0-0∓ -0.46/21 23.Qf3 Bd7 24.Rxc8 Rxc8]
23.Qc1= 0-0 24.Ba3 White has compensation. **24...Qb8+ 25.Kg1 Ba4**

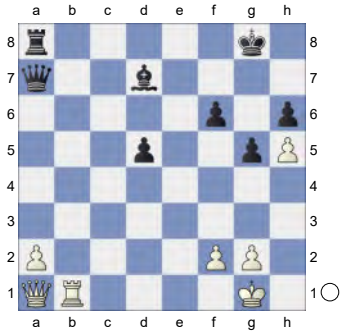


26.Rc5
[Avoid the trap 26.Bxe7? Bxc2 27.Bxc2 d3 28.Bxf8 Rxc2-+]
26...Nd5 Hoping for ...Nf4. **27.Qc4 Bd7 28.Qxd4** And now Rxd5 would win. **28...Rxc5 29.Bxc5 Rc8 30.Bxa7** This bishop pair is nice. **30...Qb4**

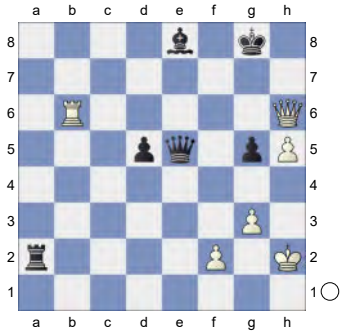


31.Qe5 f6 32.Qa1 Ra8 33.Rb1? -2.21/22 White is on the road to losing.

33...Qa3-+ 34.Bc4 Threatens to win with Bd4. **34...Qxa7 35.Bxd5 exd5**

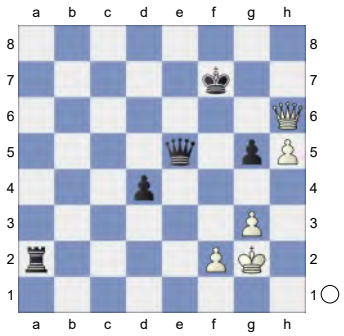


36.Qxf6 Be8 Inhibits Qg6+.
[36...Qxa2? 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.Qxh6+ Kg8 39.Qxg5+ Kf8 40.Qf6+ Kg8 41.Qg6+ Kh8 42.h6+-]
[36...Qa6? 37.Rb8+!! Bc8 38.Rb6+-]
37.Qxh6 Qe7 38.Rb6? -3.96/23
[38.Rb3 -2.23/21 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.Rg3]
38...Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.g3 Rxa2
[But not 40...g4? 41.Qd2-+]

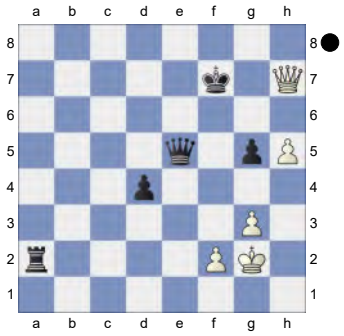


41.Rf6 Bf7 White must now prevent ... d4. **42.Kg2 Qe4+?** -1.26/24
[42...d4-+ -5.80/25 and Black stays clearly on top. 43.Rxf7 Kxf7 44.Qh7+ Kf8 45.Qh6+ Ke7]
43.Kh2? -5.11/24
[43.Kh3∓ -1.26/24]
43...Qe5? 0.01/19
[43...Qe3-+ -5.11/24 44.Kg2 Qe5]
44.Kg2= d4 45.Rxf7 -8.36/25
[⌓45.Kh3 -5.09/24]

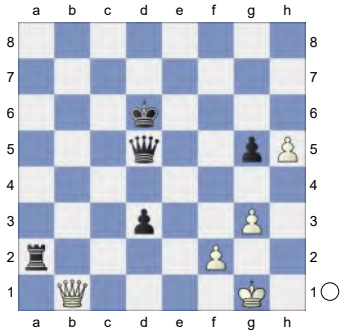
45...Kxf7-+



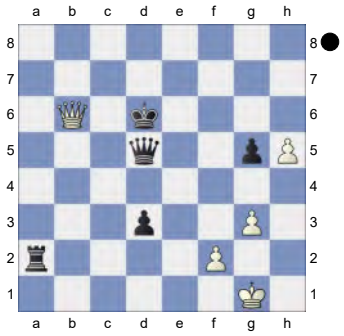
46.Qh7+



Kf8! 47.Qh6+ Ke7 48.Qh7+ Kd6 49.Qb1 Qd5+ 50.Kg1 d3



(-> ...d2) **51.Qb6+**



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159 **C02**

□ **Thipsay,Bagyashree Sathe** **2075**

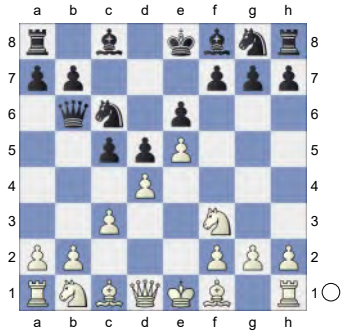
■ **Sanchez,Sebastian Felipe** **2422**

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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 **7.0-0!** is more profitable than 7.cxd4 at the moment. scheint profitabler als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Qe2**

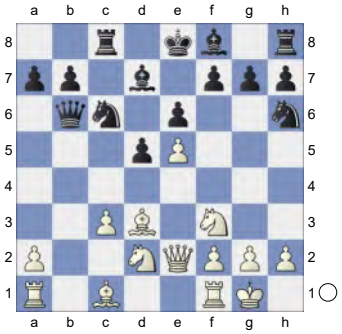
[8.Nbd2 Rc8 9.Nb3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Re1 Nge7 12.h4 Ng6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bf6 18.Re3 Rxc3 19.Rb1 d4 20.Rg3 0-0 21.Bb2 Rfc8 22.Bxc3 dxc3 Carlsen,M (2813)-Dominguez Perez,L (2713) Nice 2010 CBM 138 [Karolyi, Tibor] 1-0 (47)]

8...Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal.

9...dxc3 10.bxc3 **Nh6N**

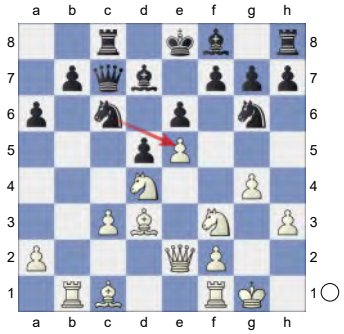
[10...Na5 11.c4 *(11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ba3 Ng6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.h4 Nf4 17.Qe3 Nd5 18.Qxa7 b5 19.Qd4 Nc6 20.Qc5+ Nce7 21.Qd4 Kg8 22.Rfe1*

Nc6 23.Qg4 Ncb4 24.Rbc1 Nxa2 25.Ne4 h5 Havulinna,M (1669)-Wiegner,D (2041) Debrecen 2023 Schallopp-Riemann [John Watson] 0-1 (47) *26.Qg5 Nxc1 27.Rxc1 Kf8 28.Nd6 Rb8 29.Nxf7 Kxf7 30.Qg6+ Kg8 31.Ng5 Be8 32.Qxe6+ Bf7 33.Qf5 Nb4 34.e6 Be8 35.Re1 Qe7 36.Be4 Rh6 37.Qe5 Rb6 38.Bf5 Nd3 39.Qe3 Qc5 40.Qe4 Qxf2+* Gulbas,I (1669)-Sipahioglu,I (2041) Denizli 2023 0-1 (47)*)* 11...dxc4 12.Nxc4 Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Bc6 0.22/18 *(⌓13...Bc5!* -0.18/18 *)* 14.Be3= Bc5 0.85/20 *(14...Qa5±* 0.37/20 feels stronger.*)* 15.Rab1± Qa5 2.01/20 *(15...Bxe3±* 0.82/22 might work better. *16.Rxb6 Bxb6)* 16.Bxc5? 0.00/18 *(* White must play *16.Rb5!+-* 2.01/20 *Bxb5 17.Bxb5+ Kf8 18.Rc1)* 16...Qxc5 1-0 Shaw,C (1766)-Ng Mora,J (1948) American Continental 18th 2024 (4)]

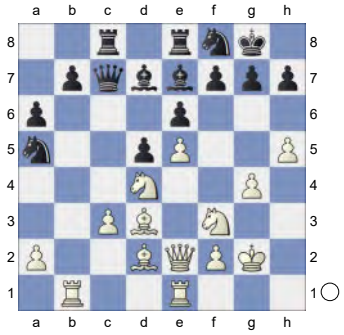


11.Rb1 White has compensation. **11...Qc7 12.Nb3 Nf5 13.g4 Nfe7 14.Nbd4 a6** Against Nb5 **15.h3 Ng6**

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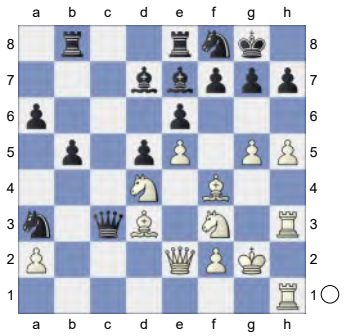


16.Re1! Be7 17.Bd2 0-0 18.Kg2 -0.67/16
[18.h4= -0.01/20]
18...Na5 -0.14/21
[18...h6∓ -0.67/16]
19.h4!= Rfe8
[19...Nxh4+? 20.Nxh4 Bxh4 21.Rh1+-]
20.h5 Nf8

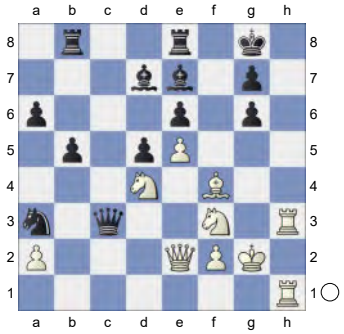


21.g5 -0.45/18
[21.Rh1= -0.14/20]
21...Nc4∓ 22.Bf4 b5
[22...Nb6!?]
23.Rh1 Rb8 24.Rh3 Na3 0.69/20
[24...b4!= -0.30/18 25.cxb4 Rxb4]
25.Rbh1 0.14/18 &Bianco is more active.
[25.Rc1± 0.69/20]
25...Qxc3? 2.82/20
[25...g6= 0.14/18 and Black stays safe.]

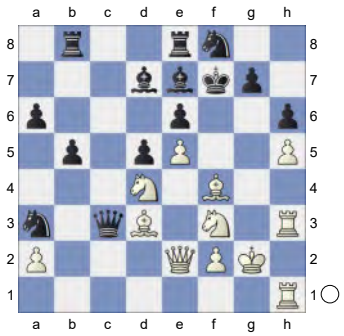
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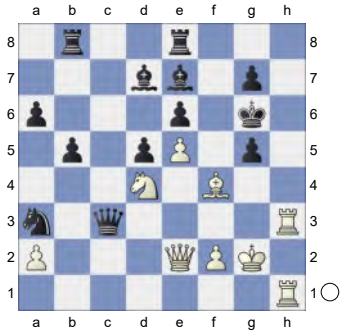
This move loses the game for Black.
26.g6+- Hoping for gxh7+. **26...h6?** 4.84/21
[26...hxg6? 27.hxg6 Nxg6 28.Bxg6 fxg6



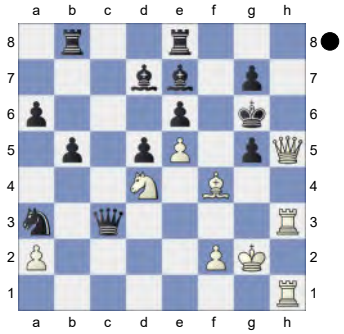
29.Ng5! Bxg5 30.Rxc3+-]
[26...Nc4 1.74/18 27.gxf7+ Kxf7 28.Bxh7 Qb4]
27.gxf7+ Kxf7



28.Ng5+! hxg5
[28...Kg8 29.Bh7+]
29.Bg6+ Skewer, Decoy **29...Nxg6?** #2/6
[29...Kg8+- 2.95/5 30.Rxc3 b4 31.Bxe8 Bxe8 32.Rxa3 bxa3]
30.hxg6+
[30.Rxc3? is the wrong capture. Nxf4+ 31.Kf3 Nxe2-+]
30...Kxg6



31.Qh5#

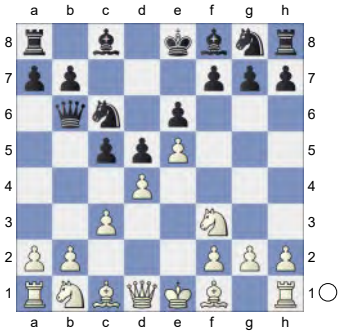


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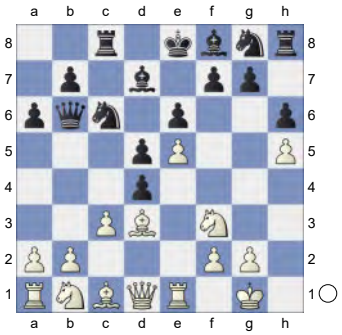
160 **C02**
□ **Cumming,David R** **2403**
■ **Penttinen,Reino** **2219**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
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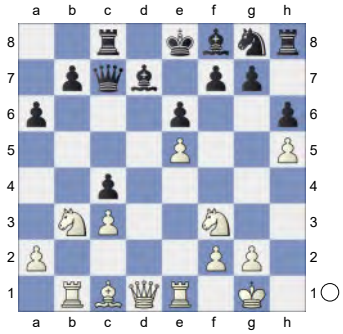
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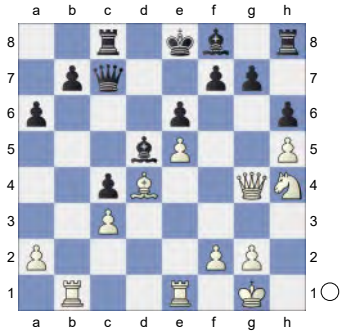
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 a6 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.h5 h6**



11.Nbd2N
[11.a3 Nge7 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6 16.Rb1 Qc7 17.Bd2 Qd7 18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4 21.g3 Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc4 Zhigalko,S (2572)-Galchenko,M (2438) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (55)]
11...dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.Nb3
[14.Bb2 b5 15.Nd4 Ne7 16.Qg4 Nec6 17.N2f3 Qd8 -0.01/20 *(*Better is *17...Nxd4∓* -0.52/20 *18.cxd4 Qb6)* 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Nd4 Threatens to win with Nxe6! Qg5 20.Qh3! With the idea Bc1. Bc5 0.33/20 *(20...Bd7=* 0.01/21 *)* 21.Bc1]
14...Nc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 0.03/20
[15...Qxc4∓ -0.41/21 16.Qd4 Qxd4 17.cxd4 *(17.Nbxd4 b5∓)* 17...b6]

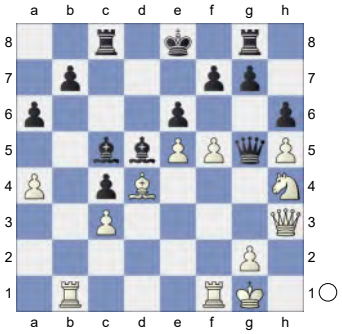


16.Nbd4 -0.46/21
[16.Nbd2!= 0.03/20 deserves consideration.]
16...Ne7 17.Nh4 -1.03/20
[17.Nd2= -0.21/20]
17...Nc6 -0.54/19
[Black should try 17...Nd5∓ -1.03/20 18.Qf3 b5]
18.Be3∓ Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bc6 -0.17/21
[19...Bc5∓ -0.65/20]
20.Qg4= Bd5

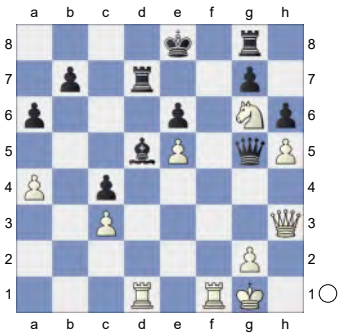


21.f4 Qe7 22.Rf1 Rg8 23.a4 Inhibits b5. **23...Qd8 24.f5 Qg5 25.Qh3** -1.39/21
[25.Rf4= -0.29/19 remains equal.]
25...Bc5 0.01/22
[25...Qxh5∓ -1.39/21 aiming for ... Be7. 26.Rb6 Kd7]

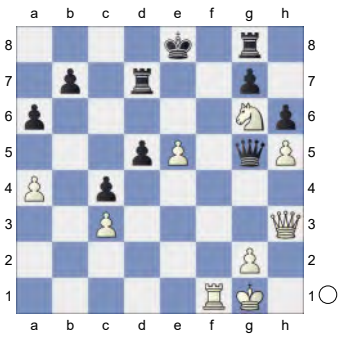
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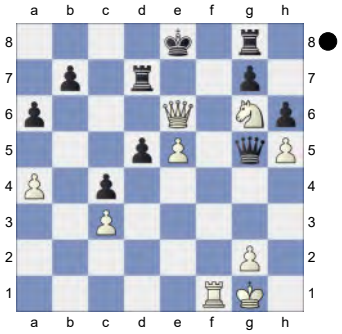
26.Bxc5 Rxc5 27.fxe6 fxe6 1.30/23
[27...Bxe6= -0.06/23 28.Nf5 Rxe5 29.Rxb7 Bxf5]
28.Ng6 0.70/21
[28.Rxb7± 1.30/23 Kd8 29.Ra7]
28...Rc7 2.20/23
[28...Kd8± 0.70/21]
29.Rbd1 1.03/22 The board is on fire.
[29.Rb6+- 2.20/23 is more deadly. Rd7 30.Rxe6+ Kd8 31.Nf8 Rxf8 32.Rxf8+ Kc7 33.Ree8]
29...Rd7? 18.14/22
[29...Qd8± 1.03/22]



30.Rxd5!+- Remove Defender **30...exd5**



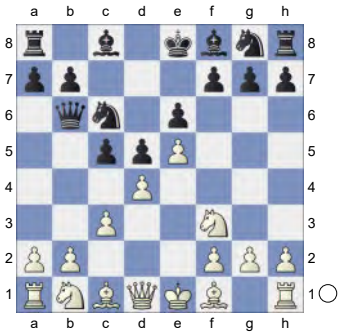
31.Qe6+



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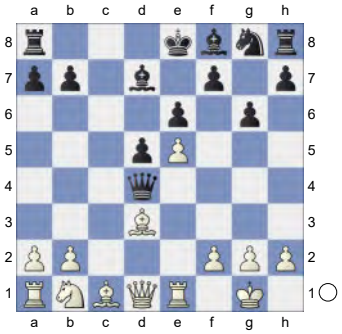
161 **C02**
□ **Shirov,Alexei** **2661**
■ **Cardozo,C** **2043**
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[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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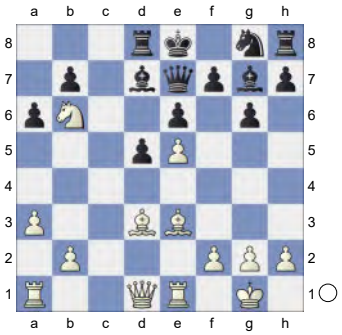


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 0.11/18
[7.dxc5!± 0.57/22 Qc7 8.Bf4]
7...cxd4= 8.Re1 g6 0.50/19
[8...Rc8!= -0.16/18]
9.cxd4 Nxd4 White is slightly better.
10.Nxd4 Qxd4

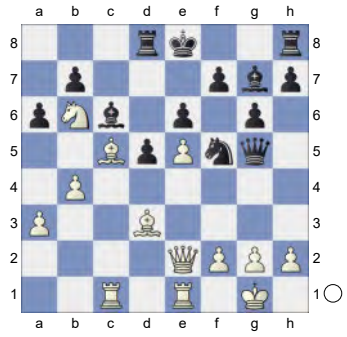
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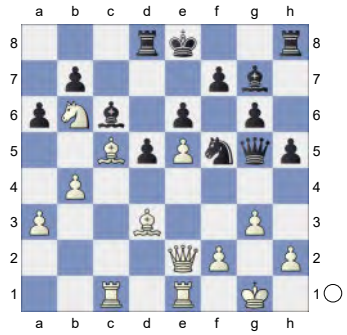
11.Nc3 a6 Inhibits Nc3-b5. **12.Be3N** White has compensation.
[12.a3 Bg7 13.Be3 Qh4 14.Bf1 Bxe5 15.g3 Qf6 16.Nxd5 Qg7 17.Nb6 Rd8 18.Nxd7 Rxd7 19.Qa4 Ne7 20.Red1 Nc6 21.Rxd7 Kxd7 22.Rd1+ Kc7 23.Rc1 Rc8 24.Bxa6 Ra8 25.Qa5+ Kd7 26.Qd2+ Kc7 1-0 (31) Sklyarova,A (1939)-Taldykin,D (1685) Karelian Winter op (4R) 2009 (1) 27.Bxb7 Rd8 28.Qa5+ Kd7 29.Bxc6+ Ke7 30.Bc5+ Bd6 31.Qc7+ 1-0 Bea Figueras,P (1939)-Fries Nielsen (1685) US-ch Key West 1994 (1)]
12...Qb4 Threatens to win with ...d5-d4!
[12...Qxe5 13.Bf1 f6 14.Bb6±]
13.a3 Qe7 14.Na4 -0.07/19
[14.Rc1± 0.54/19]
14...Bg7 0.54/20
[14...Bxa4= -0.07/19 15.Qxa4+ Qd7]
15.Nb6± Rd8



16.Rc1 White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **16...Bc6**
[16...Bxe5 17.Nxd5 *(17.Bc5 Qg5±)* 17...exd5 18.Bc5]
17.Bc5
[17.Bd4!?]
17...Qg5 1.25/19
[17...Qc7± 0.54/19]
18.Qe2 -0.01/20
[18.b4± 1.25/19]
18...Ne7 0.95/20
[18...Bf8!= -0.01/20 remains equal.]
19.b4!± Nf5 1.50/22
[Better is 19...Bf8 0.79/20]

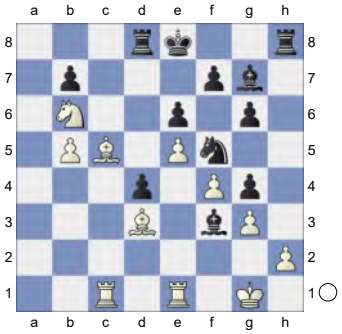


20.g3 0.73/20
[⌓20.a4! 1.50/22]
20...h5 1.44/21
[⌓20...Bf8 0.73/20]

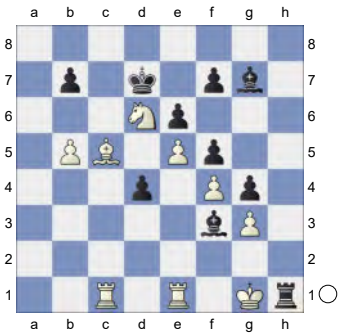


21.f4 0.06/19
[21.a4!± 1.44/21]
21...Qg4= 22.a4 Black must now prevent b4-b5. **22...d4!** ...Bc6-f3 would now be deadly. **23.Qxg4 hxg4 24.b5 axb5 25.axb5 Bf3**

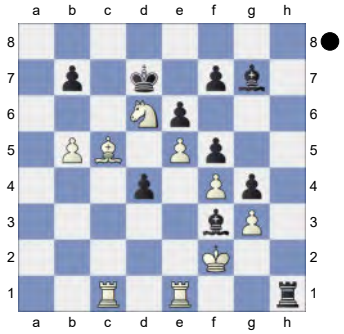
(Diagram)



26.Nc4 Kd7 0.66/19
[26...Bf8= 0.16/19 27.Bb6 Bb4 28.Bxd8 Bxe1 29.Bxf5 *(29.Bf6 Bf2+* Decoy *30.Kxf2 Rxh2+ 31.Ke1 Rh1+ 32.Kd2 Rh2+ 33.Ke1 Rh1+ 34.Kd2 Rh2+ 35.Ke1=)* 29...Kxd8 *(29...gxf5 30.Bf6±)* 30.Bxg4 Bxg4 *(30...Bxg3? 31.Bxf3 Bxf4 32.Rd1+-)* 31.Rxe1 Kc7]
27.Bxf5 -0.34/21
[White should play 27.Rc2!± 0.66/19]
27...gxf5 0.72/23
[27...exf5∓ -0.34/21 keeps the upper hand. 28.Bxd4 Ke6]
28.Nd6 0.00/41
[28.Bxd4± 0.72/23 aiming for Nc4-d6. Bf8 29.Nb6+ Ke8 30.Rc8 Rxc8 31.Nxc8]
28...Rxh2! Decoy. The position is equal.
29.Kxh2 Rh8+ 30.Kg1 Rh1+



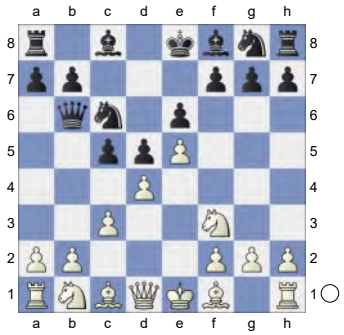
31.Kf2 Rh2+ 32.Kf1
[32.Kg1!? Rh1+□ 33.Kf2 Rh2+ 34.Kg1 Rh1+=]
32...Rh1+ 33.Kf2 Rh2+ 34.Kg1 Rh1+ 35.Kf2



Weighted Error Value: White=0.32/ Black=0.34
½-½

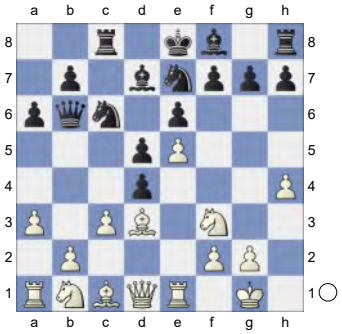
162 **C02**
□ **Borge,Nikolaj** **2388**
■ **Hansen,Lars** **2259**
60. TCh-DEN Ex 2022-23 (1.5) 29.10.22
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

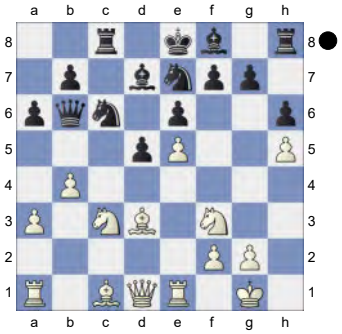


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.a3 a6**

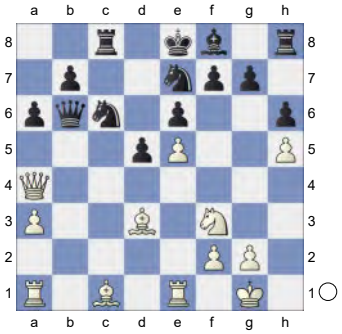
(Diagram)



11.h5 h6 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3



Nxb4! 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6

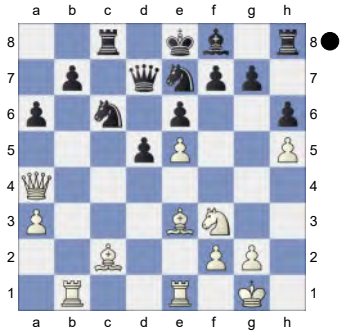


16.Be3N

[16.Bd2 Qc7 *(16...Nf5 17.Rab1 Qa7 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Qf4 Bc5 20.Nh4 Nd4 21.Qg3 Kf8 22.Be3 Ne6 23.Nxf5 Bxe3 24.Rxe3 d4 25.Reb3 b5 26.a4 Kg8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rxb5 Kh7 29.Rb7 Qa2 30.Nxd4 Rhf8 31.Nf5* Nemeth,M (2453)-Brilej,J (2321) Mati Losinj 2023 1-0 (71) *)* 17.Rab1 Qd7 18.Qg4 *(18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4 21.g3 Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc4 26.Bc3 f6 27.Bd4 Kf7 28.Nh4 e5 29.Ng6 Rg8 30.Bf2 Bd6 31.Rd1 Qc6 32.Qd3 d4* Zhigalko,S (2572)-Galchenko,M (2438) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (55) *)* 18...Rc7 19.Nh4 Rg8 20.a4 g5 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nxg6 Nxg6 23.Bxg6+ Kd8 24.Qf3 Qg7 25.Bh5 Be7 26.Qh3 Kd7 27.Rb3 Bc5 28.Bxh6 Qh7 29.Rf3 Kc8 30.Qxe6+ Kb8 Lazic,M (2475)-Knoeppel,B (2141) Budapest 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] 1-0 (41)]

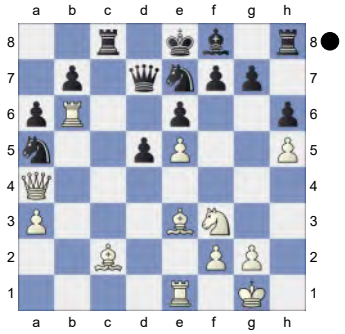
16...Qc7 17.Rab1 Qd7 18.Bc2 -0.65/20

[White should try 18.Red1= -0.01/18]



18...Nf5 -0.28/19

[18...Na5!∓ -0.65/20 19.Rb6 *(19.Qxa5 Rxc2)*

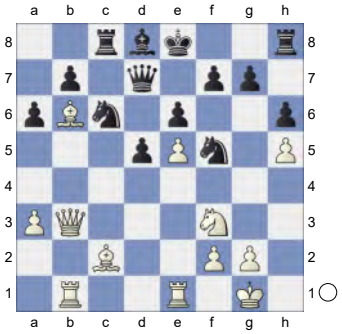


19...Rc6!]

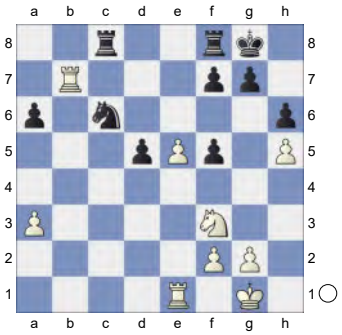
19.Bb6 Be7 20.Qb3 Bd8 0.01/23

[Better is 20...0-0∓ -0.62/19]

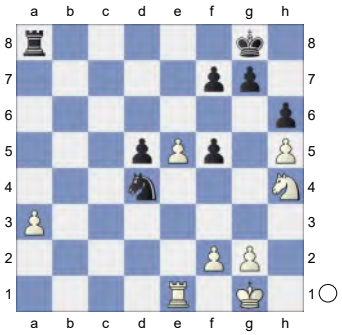
(Diagram)



21.Bxf5= Strongly threatening Bd3.
21...exf5 22.Bc5! Be7 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24.Qxb7 Qxb7 25.Rxb7 0-0

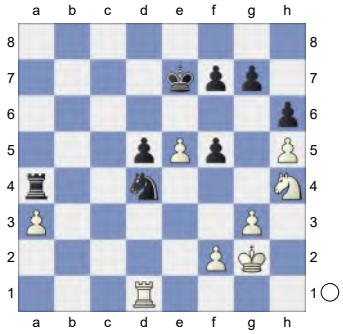


26.Rb6 a5 0.25/23
[⌓26...d4 -0.21/21]
27.Ra6 Rfd8 28.Nh4 -0.18/20
[⌓28.Kf1 0.23/22]
28...Nd4 29.Rxa5 Ra8 30.Rxa8 Rxa8

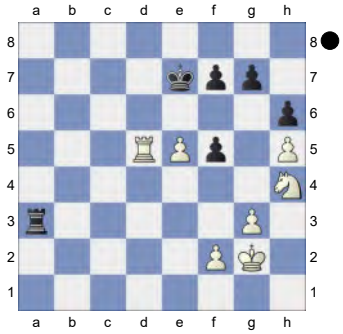


31.Rd1 Ra4 32.g3 Kf8 0.63/23
[32...f6= -0.09/22]
33.Kg2 0.14/23
[33.f4± 0.63/23]
33...Ke7? 7.94/22
[33...f4= 0.14/23]

(Diagram)



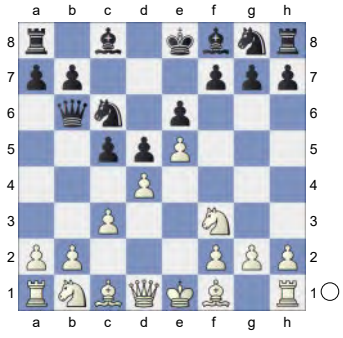
34.Rxd4!+- Rxa3 35.Rxd5



Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
1-0

163 **C02**
□ **Vojta,Jakub** **2277**
■ **Tichy,Stepan** **2261**
34. Czech Open E 2023 (7.3) 16.07.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! now scores much better than the old 7.cxd4. punktet besser als das ältere 7.cxd4.

7...Bd7 8.Qe2

[8.Nbd2 Rc8 9.Nb3 dxc3 10.bxc3 Qc7 11.Re1 Nge7 12.h4 Ng6 13.Qe2 Be7 14.h5 Ngxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5 16.Qxe5 Nxe5 17.Rxe5 Bf6 18.Re3 Rxc3 19.Rb1 d4 20.Rg3 0-0 21.Bb2 Rfc8 22.Bxc3 dxc3 Carlsen,M (2813)-Dominguez Perez,L (2713) Nice 2010 CBM 138 [Karolyi, Tibor] 1-0 (47)]

8...h6N

[8...Nge7 9.a3 Ng6 10.Kh1 Be7 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.f4 Qb6 14.Nc3 d4 15.Ne4 Bc6 16.b4 Nh4 17.b5 Bd5 18.Bd2 0-0 19.Qe1 Nf5 20.Ba5 Bxe4 21.Bxb6 Bxd3 22.Ba5 Bxb5 23.Rf3 Poinsignon,A-Fortin,M (2315) La Clusaz 1991 Telechess CBM 89 [Konikowski,J; FS_ENG 2/2000] ½-½ (39)]

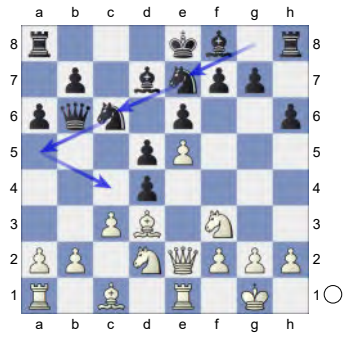
[8...Rc8 9.Nbd2 dxc3 10.bxc3 Na5 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ba3 Ng6 15.Bxf8 Kxf8 16.h4 Nf4 17.Qe3 Nd5 18.Qxa7 b5 19.Qd4 Nc6 20.Qc5+ Nce7 21.Qd4 Kg8 22.Rfe1 Nc6 23.Qg4 Havulinna,M (1669)-Wiegner,D (2041) Debrecen 2023 Schallopp-Riemann [John Watson] 0-1 (47)]

9.Re1N The position is equal.

[Predecessor: 9.cxd4 Nb4 10.Nc3 Nxd3 11.Qxd3 Bb4 12.Re1 Rc8 13.Bd2 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Ne7 15.Qd2 1-0 Solsker,T (1986)-Thomsen,T (2099) FAI-chT 1516 2015 (3.1)]

9...a6 10.Nbd2 Nge7

(Diagram)



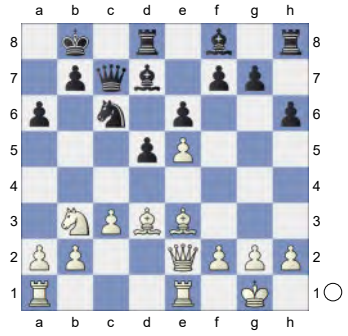
11.Nb3 0-0-0 0.65/19

[11...dxc3= 0.06/20 12.bxc3 Qc7]

12.Nfxd4± Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Nc6 14.Nb3 Kb8 0.83/19

[14...Qc7± 0.46/20]

15.Be3± Qc7

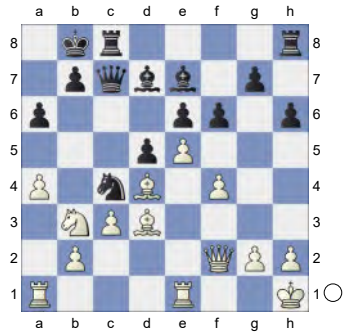


16.f4↑ White is on the roll. &Bianco is more active. **16...Na5 17.Qf2 Nc4** Inhibits Bb6. **18.Bd4** 0.54/18

[White should play 18.Bxc4± 0.89/20 Qxc4 19.Na5]

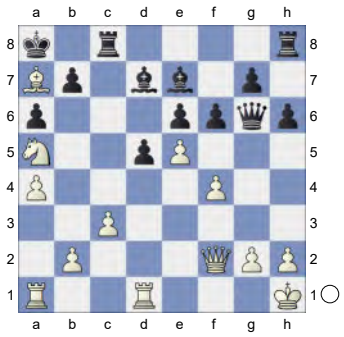
18...Rc8± 19.a4 Be7 20.Kh1 f6 0.75/17

[20...Rhf8= 0.29/17]

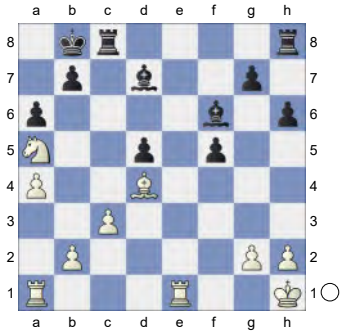


21.Bxc4± Qxc4 22.Na5 Qd3 23.f5

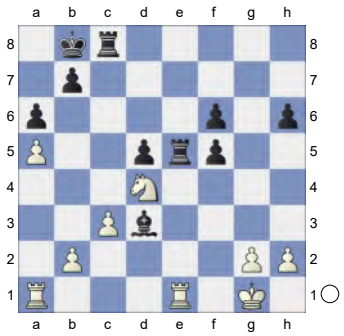
-0.16/20
[23.Red1± 0.50/17 Qg6 24.Ba7+ Ka8



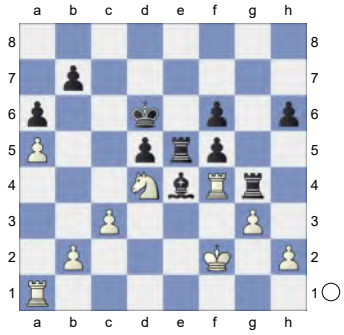
25.Nxb7! *(25.Qb6 Bc6=)*]
23...Qxf5= 24.Qxf5 exf5 25.exf6 Bxf6



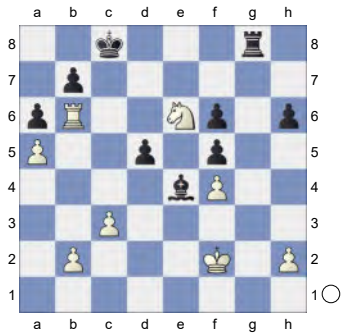
26.Bxf6 gxf6 27.Nb3 -0.66/20
[27.Re7= -0.28/21 Rcd8 28.Kg1]
27...Rhe8∓ 28.a5 Re5 -0.34/21
[28...Re4∓ -0.74/20]
29.Kg1 Bb5 -0.25/22
[29...Rce8∓ -0.57/19 30.Reb1 f4]
30.Nd4= Bd3



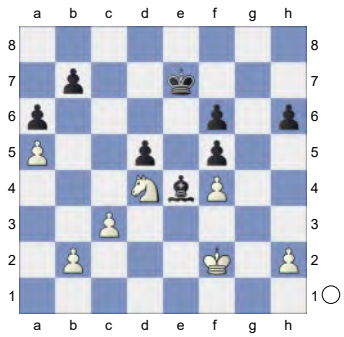
31.Red1 Be4 32.Rf1 Rg8 33.g3 Kc7 34.Rf4 Kd6 0.61/20
[34...Rg4= -0.23/21]
35.Kf2 0.19/23
[35.Ra4± 0.61/20]
35...Rg4 0.52/26
[35...Kc7= 0.19/23 feels stronger.]



36.Ra4± Rxf4+ 37.gxf4 Endgame KRB-KRN **37...Re8 38.Rb4** White has strong compensation. **38...Kc7 39.Rb6 Rg8 40.Ne6+ Kc8**

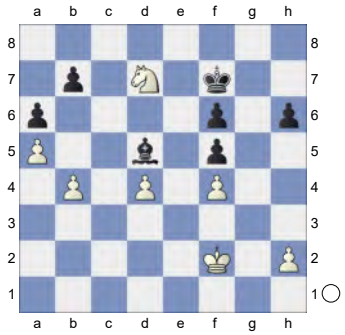


41.Rd6 Kb8 42.Rd8+ -0.62/22
[42.Ke3± 0.66/23]
42...Rxd8∓ 43.Nxd8 KB-KN **43...Kc7** 0.50/29
[43...d4∓ -0.72/26 44.Ne6 dxc3 45.bxc3 b6 46.axb6 Kb7]
44.Ne6+± Kd6 45.Nd4 Ke7

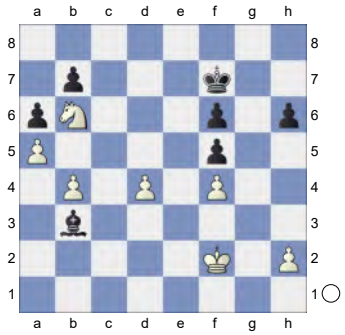


46.b4 0.39/28

[46.Ke3± 0.85/29]
46...Kf7 1.22/30
[46...Kd7!± 0.39/28]
47.Nb3 Kg6 48.Nc5 0.49/24
[48.Ke3± 1.00/24]
48...d4! 49.cxd4 0.01/28
[49.c4!± 0.65/25]
49...Bd5 0.66/28
[Better is 49...Bc6= 0.01/28]
50.Nd7 0.29/31
[50.Na4!± 0.66/28]
50...Kf7!=

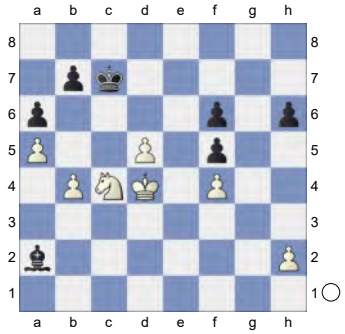


51.Nb6 Bb3 5.14/28
[Black should try 51...Ke6± 0.53/28]

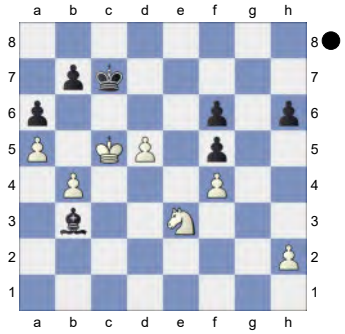


This costs Black the game. **52.d5+-** White is clearly winning. **52...Ke7 53.Ke3 Kd6 54.Kd4 Ba2 55.Nc4+ Kc7**

(Diagram)



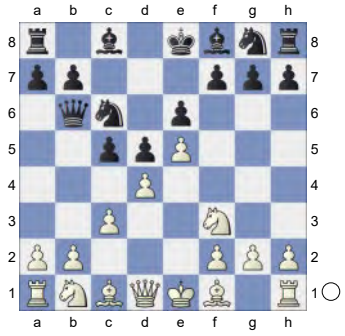
56.Kc5 Bb3 57.Ne3



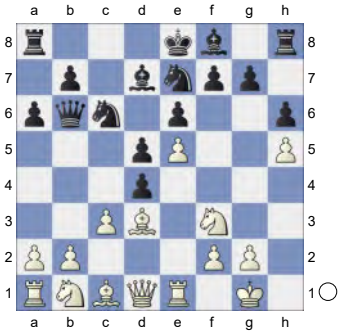
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1-0

164 **C02**
□ **Dubreuil,Julien** **2104**
■ **Santos Flores,Alberto Javier** **2230**
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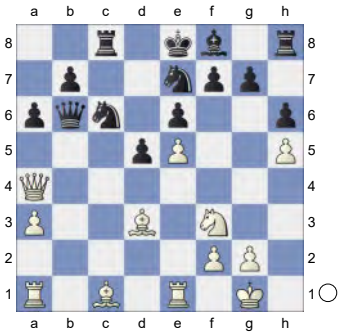
C02: French: Advance Variation
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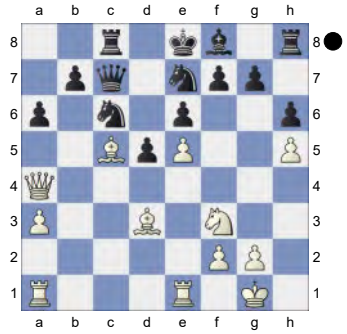
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! outshines the older 7.cxd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.cxd4.
7...Bd7 8.Re1 a6 9.h4 -0.29/18
[9.Nbd2 0.06/17 feels stronger.]
9...Nge7 0.03/18
[⌓9...Nh6 -0.29/18 10.Qb3 Qxb3 11.axb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Ng4]
10.h5 h6



11.a3 Rc8 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6



16.Be3N White puts up resistance
[16.Bd2 Qc7 *(16...Nf5 17.Rab1 Qa7 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Qf4 Bc5 20.Nh4 Nd4 21.Qg3 Kf8 22.Be3 Ne6 23.Nxf5 Bxe3 24.Rxe3 d4 25.Reb3 b5 26.a4 Kg8 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rxb5 Kh7 29.Rb7 Qa2 30.Nxd4 Rhf8 31.Nf5* Perez Solanas,H (2453)-Rosh,J (2321) Santa Fe 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 1-0 (71) *)* 17.Rab1 Qd7 18.Qg4 *(18.Nh4 Nxe5 19.Qb3 Nxd3 20.Qxd3 Rc4 21.g3 Nc6 22.Nf5 Re4 23.f3 Ne5 24.Qb3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Nc4 26.Bc3 f6 27.Bd4 Kf7 28.Nh4 e5 29.Ng6 Rg8 30.Bf2 Bd6 31.Rd1 Qc6 32.Qd3 d4* Zhigalko,S (2572)-Galchenko,M (2438) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (55)*)* 18...Rc7 19.Nh4 Rg8 20.a4 g5 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nxg6 Nxg6 23.Bxg6+ Kd8 24.Qf3 Qg7 25.Bh5 Be7 26.Qh3 Kd7 27.Rb3 Bc5 28.Bxh6 Qh7 29.Rf3 Kc8 30.Qxe6+ Kb8 Lazic,M (2475)-Knoeppel,B (2141) Budapest 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] 1-0 (41)]
16...Qa5N
[16...Qc7 17.Bc5? -1.61/22 *(17.Reb1*= -0.01/18 *)*



17...Qd7 -0.61/20 *(Black should try 17...Qa5!*-+ -1.61/22 *18.Qc2 Nd8)* 18.Qf4 -1.14/20 *(18.Qg4*∓ -0.61/20 *)* 18...Ng6!∓ 19.hxg6 Bxc5 20.gxf7+ Qxf7 21.Qg4 Hoping for Bg6. Ne7 -0.40/22 Prevents Bg6. *(21...0-0*∓ -1.28/19 Strongly threatening ...Nd4! *22.Bg6 Qe7)* 22.Rab1 Rc7 23.Qa4+! Nc6 1.01/22 *(23...b5*= 0.01/21 *24.Bxb5*+ *axb5 25.Qxb5*+ *Rc6)* 24.Bxa6? -2.15/22 *(24.Rec1*± 1.01/22 keeps the pressure on.*)* 24...0-0-+ 25.Bxb7? -5.33/22 *(25.Be2* -2.17/21 is more resistant.*)* 25...Nd4 0-1 Diaz Rosas,J (2351)-Grischuk,A (2742) Titled Tuesday intern op 24th May Late blitz 2022 (1)]
17.Qg4 -0.55/21
[17.Qf4= -0.11/19]
17...Qc7 0.01/19

[17...Qc3∓ -0.55/21 18.Red1 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Qxe5]

18.Qg3 -0.38/20

[18.Rec1= 0.01/19]

18...Nf5 1.00/21

[18...Na5∓ -0.38/20 stays ahead.]

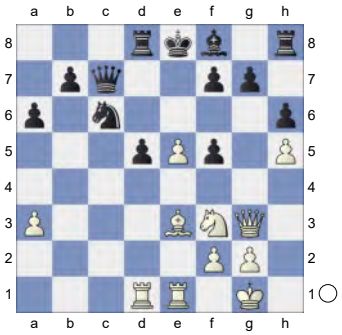
19.Bxf5± exf5 20.Rad1 0.48/19

&Bianco is much more active.

[White should play 20.Rac1± 0.94/21]

20...Rd8 1.43/21

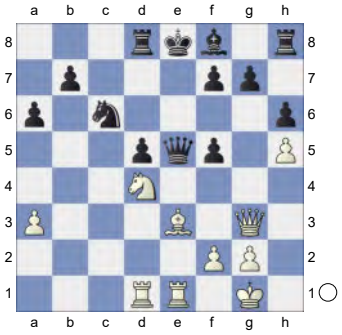
[20...Qd7± 0.48/19]



21.Nd4 Nxd4 1.73/20

[21...Nxe5? 22.Bf4 Bd6 23.Qxg7+-]

[21...Qxe5?



22.Bg5! Qe4 23.Rxe4+ fxe4 24.Bxd8 Kxd8 25.Qb3 Nxd4 26.Qxd5+ Kc7 27.Rxd4+-]

[21...f4± 1.42/21 22.Qxf4 Nxd4 23.Bxd4 *(23.Qxd4 Qd7=)* 23...Be7]

22.Bxd4+- Threatens to win with Rc1.

22...Rg8? 5.15/21

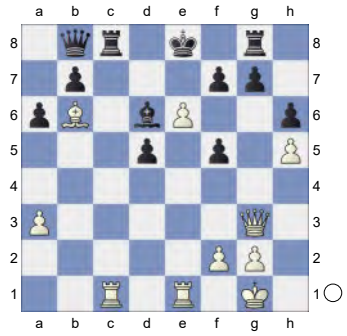
[22...Rc8 1.66/21]

23.Rc1 Qb8 24.Bb6 Black must now prevent Rc7. **24...Rc8** 10.27/23

Prevents Rc7.

[⌓24...Rd7 4.69/21 25.Bc7 f4 26.Qxf4 *(26.Bxb8 fxg3 27.Ba7 Bxa3∓)* 26...g5 27.hxg6 *(27.Bxb8 gxf4 28.Bd6 Kd8=)* 27...Rxc7]

25.e6 Bd6



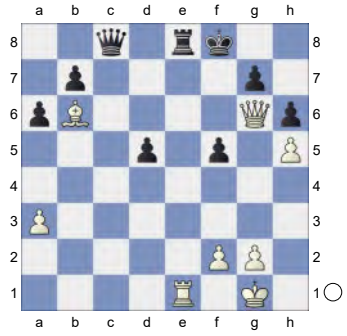
26.Rxc8+ 8.17/5

[⌓26.exf7+ #8/18 Kd7 27.fxg8Q Rxg8 28.Qg6 Bh2+ 29.Kh1 Be5 30.Qf7+ Kd6 31.Bc7+ Qxc7 32.Rxc7 Rh8 33.Qe7#]

26...Qxc8 27.exf7+ 5.23/5

[⌓27.Qxd6 16.26/20 White threatens exf7+ and mate. f6 28.Qxd5 f4 29.Qd6 g5 30.hxg6 Rxg6 31.Bc5 Rxg2+ 32.Kh1 Rg1+ 33.Kxg1 Qxc5 34.Qd7+ Kf8 35.Qf7#]

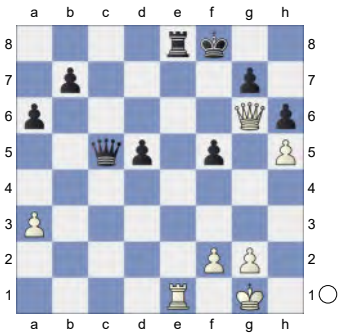
27...Kxf7 28.Qxd6 Re8 29.Qg6+ Kf8



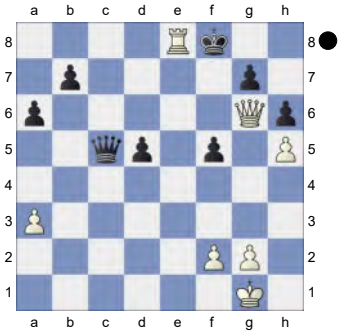
30.Bc5+! Qxc5

[30...Kg8 31.Rxe8+]

(Diagram)



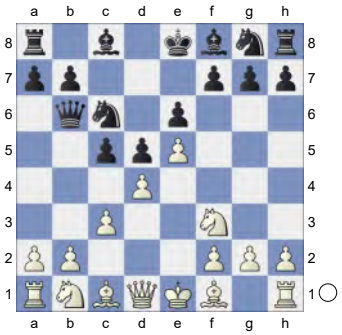
31.Rxe8#



Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/ Black=1.02
1-0

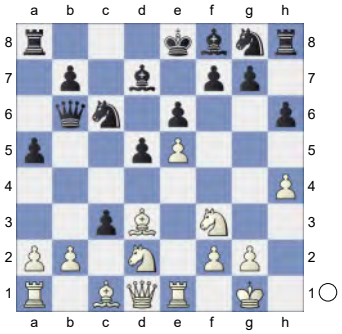
165 **C02**
□ **Bilych,Oleksii** **2445**
■ **Zhang,Nathaniel** **2001**
2025 Pan-Am Collegiate Championship ..
[Kitty Kat]

Rapid 1min+30sec
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 0 **e6** 0 **2.d4** 0 **d5** 0 **3.e5** 0 **c5** 0 **4.c3** 0 **Nc6** 0 **5.Nf3** 0 **Qb6** 0

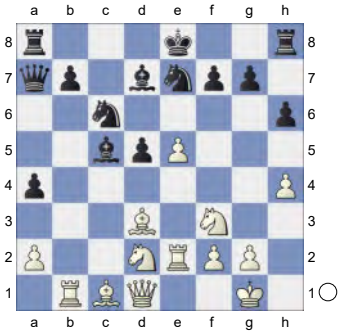


6.Bd3 0 **cxd4** 0 **7.0-0** 0 **Bd7** 0 **8.Re1** 0 **h6** 0
[8...Nge7 9.h4 Rc8 10.a3 a6 11.b4 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Be3 Qd8 14.axb4 Rxc3 15.Bc5 Nc6 16.Bxf8 Kxf8 17.Qd2 Rb3 18.b5 axb5 19.Qc2 Rb4 20.Qc5+ Qe7 21.Ra8+ Be8 22.Qb6 g6 23.h5 Osmak,I (2449)-Bon,M (2392) Chess.com INT 2023 ½-½ (34)]
9.h4 0 The position is equal. **9...a5N** 0
[9...a6 10.a3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 Bc5 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 d4 14.Na4 Qa7 15.Re4 b5 16.Rg4 g6 17.Qc2 bxa4 18.Bxg6 Nge7 19.Be4 Rc8 20.Qd2 Qb8 21.Rd1 Rd8 22.Qf4 Nf5 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Rg3 Kurchenko,E (2125)-Gitelson,A (2187) Novorossijsk 2023 0-1 (37) Be6 25.h5 Qxb2 26.Qh4 Qc2 27.Rd2 Qe4 28.Qf6 Rf8 29.Rh3 Rg8 30.Kh1 Qg4 31.Rg3 Qxh5+ 32.Rh3 Qg6 33.Rg3 Qxf6 34.Rxg8+ Kd7 35.exf6 Rxg8 36.Nxd4 Nxd4 37.Rxd4+ Kc6 0-1 (37) Rajtar,J (2125)-Russian Variation,H (2187) Rethymnon 88/297 2023 Inf33 [John Watson]]
[9...g5 10.hxg5 hxg5 11.Nxg5 Bg7 12.Bf4 Qxb2 13.Nd2 dxc3 14.Rb1 Qa3 15.Ndf3 Nb4 16.Nd4 Ne7 17.Nb5 Bxb5 18.Bxb5+ Nec6 19.Qg4 Bf8 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6+ Kd8 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Qf6+ Kc7 24.Qxh8 Georgescu,V (2341)-Schmitt,C (2450) Swedish League 2023 1873 Vienna [John Watson] 1-0]
10.Nbd2 0 **dxc3** 0

(Diagram)

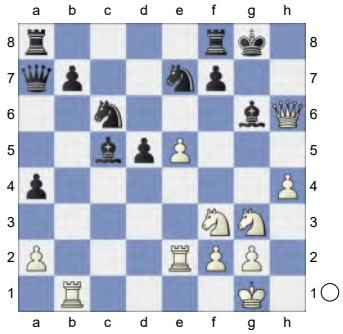


11.bxc3 0 **Bc5** 0 **12.Re2** 0 **a4** 0 Inhibits Nb3. **13.c4** -0.95/18 0
[13.Rb1 Qc7∓]
[13.Nf1!= -0.04/17 remains equal.]
13...Nge7∓ 0 **14.cxd5** 0 **exd5** 0
[14...Nxd5?! 15.Ne4=]
15.Rb1 0 **Qa7** 0

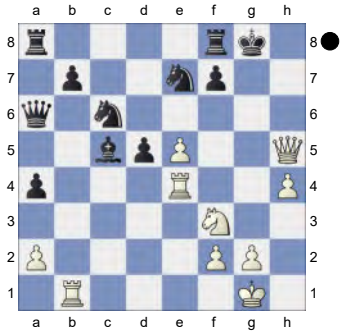


16.Nf1 0 **0-0** 0 **17.Bxh6** 0 **gxh6** 0
18.Qd2 -1.65/20 0 Against Nb4
[18.Ng3∓ -0.83/21 Kh8 19.Nh5]
18...Bf5!-+ 0 **19.Ng3** 0 **Bxd3** 0
20.Qxh6 -2.78/22 0
[20.Qxd3∓ -1.59/20 was the only chance. f6 21.e6]
20...Bg6! 0
[20...Bxb1? 21.Nh5 Bxf2+ 22.Kh1 Bh7 23.Qg7#]

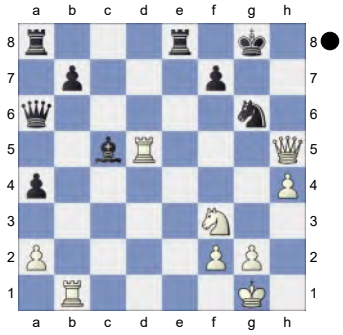
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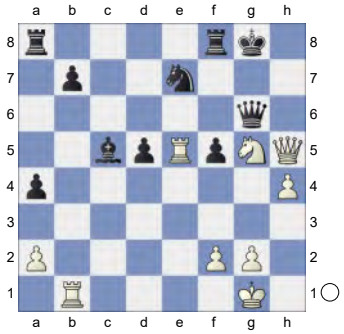
21.Nh5 0 **Bxh5** 0 **22.Qxh5** 0 Intending Ng5 and mate. **22...Qa6** 0
23.Re4 -5.06/20 0
[⌓23.Ng5 -3.20/20 Qd3 24.Rb5 Bxf2+ 25.Rxf2]



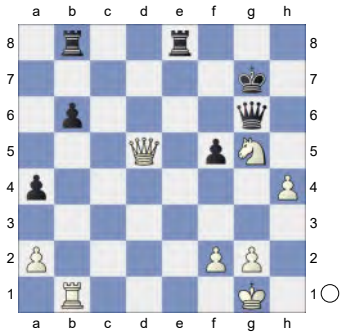
23...Nxe5? -0.67/19 0 **24.Rxe5∓** 0 Strongly threatening Rg5+. **24...f5** -0.36/20 0
[Black should play 24...Rfe8!∓ -1.19/19 25.Rg5+ *(25.Rc1 Ba3∓)* 25...Ng6 26.Rxd5



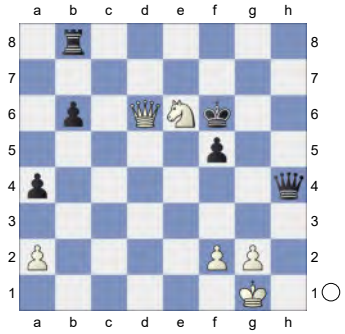
Bxf2+! 27.Kxf2 Re2+ 28.Kg1 Rxg2+!! 29.Kh1 Qc4!]
25.Ng5! 0 **Qg6** 0
(Diagram)



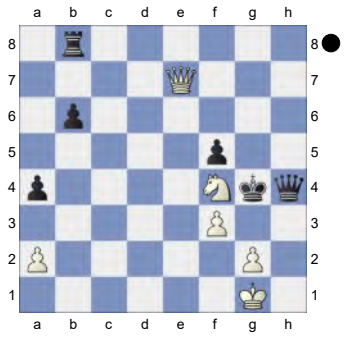
Against Qh7+ **26.Qe2** 0 Dancing on a razor blade. **26...b6** 0.74/19 8:15
[26...Rae8= -0.11/20 27.Ne6 Nc6 28.Nxf8 Kxf8 29.Rxe8+ Qxe8]
27.Rxe7± 0 Hoping for Re6. **27...Bxe7** 1.15/18 7
[⌓27...f4 0.71/22 28.Qe6+ Qxe6 29.Rxe6 Kg7]
28.Qxe7→ 0 Threatens to win with Rxb6! White attacks with force. **28...Rfe8** 1:33 **29.Qb7** 0 0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. **29...Rab8** 1.68/20 2:29
[29...Rad8± 1.01/22]
30.Qxd5++- 0 **Kg7** 19



31.Rc1 0 **Re7** 4.32/21 56 Against Rc7
[31...Qf6 2.17/22 32.Rc7+ *(32.Rc6 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Qe5+ 34.Qxe5+ Rxe5=)* 32...Re7]
32.Rc6 0 White is clearly winning.
32...Qh5 6.85/21 29
[⌓32...Qe8 4.40/25 33.Kh2 Qh5]
33.Re6 1:51 **Rxe6** 59 **34.Nxe6+** 9
[Weaker is 34.Qxe6 Re8 35.Qd7+ Kg8±]
34...Kf6 2:16 **35.Qd6** 8 White wants to mate with Nf4+. **35...Qxh4** 1:28



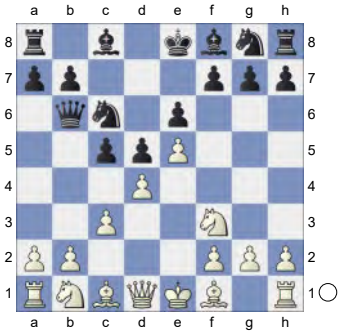
36.Nf4+ 6
[Not 36.Qxb8 Kxe6 37.Qxb6+ Ke5 38.Qb8+ Ke6 39.Qe8+ Kd6 40.Qb8+ Ke6 41.Qe8+ Kd5 42.Qb5+ Ke6 43.Qe8+±]
36...Kg5 36 **37.Qe7+** 8 **Kg4** 6 **38.f3+** 5



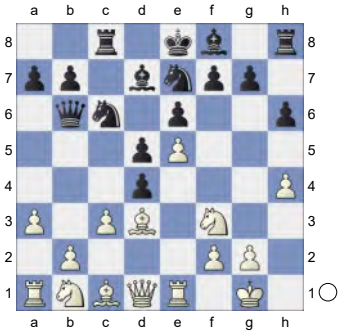
White used his chance.
Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.55
1-0

166 **C02**
□ **Mas,Jose Joaquin** **2197**
■ **Belov,Alexei** **2421**
Titled Tuesday intern op 11th Apr Late bl..
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6
(Diagram)

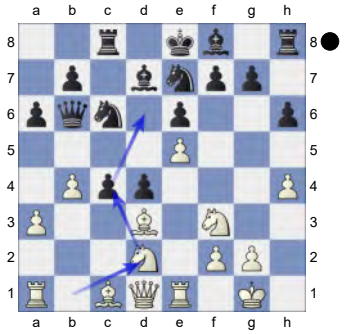


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is currently scoring better than 7.cxd4.wohl besser als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.a3** The position is equal. **9...Nge7 10.h4 h6**

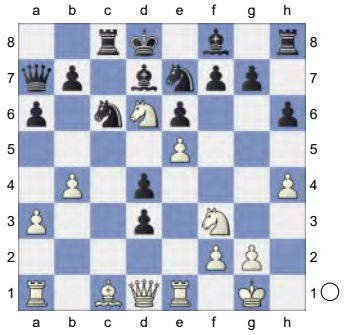


11.b4 a6
[11...dxc3 seems wilder. 12.Nxc3 Nxb4 13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4+ Nbc6]
12.c4 -0.15/21
[⩲12.Bb2 0.18/18 g5 13.Nh2 Bg7 14.Ng4 gxh4 15.cxd4 h5 16.Nf6+ Bxf6 17.exf6 Ng8 18.Qf3 Rh6 19.Qxd5 Nxf6 20.Qg5 Ng4 21.Nc3 Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Kxd8 23.Ne4 e5 24.f3 Nxd4 25.fxg4 hxg4 26.Ng5 1-0 (26) 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 (2763)-Walther,F (2659) Warsaw 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Nyback/Meyer, CD]]
12...dxc4= 13.Nbd2!

(Diagram)



cxd3N 1.37/20
[Predecessor: 13...Nxe5 14.Nxe5 cxd3
A) 15.Ndc4= -0.20/19 is superior. Qc7 16.Nxd7 *(16.Bf4 Nd5 17.Bg3 Bb5 18.Nb2 Nc3 19.Qf3 d2 20.Red1 Be2 21.Qh5 Bxh5* 0-1 (21) Kiolbasa,O (2387)-Psyk,R (2460) Warsaw 2023*)* 16...Kxd7 17.Ne5+ Ke8 18.Bb2;
B) 15.Ne4 -0.53/18 15...Ng6 -0.05/20 *(15...Nc6∓* -0.53/18 might be stronger. *16.Nxd3 Qd8)* 16.Nxg6!= fxg6 17.Qxd3 Be7 ...0-0 is the strong threat. 18.Qg3 Kf7 19.Bf4! Bc6 ½-½ (19) Ragger, M (2647)-Mchedlishvili,M (2584) Terme Catez 2022]
[Black should play 13...Nxe5!= -0.22/21 14.Nxe5 cxd3]
14.Nc4!± Discovered Attack **14...Qa7 15.Nd6+ Kd8**



aiming for ...Be8. **16.Nxf7+ Kc7 17.Nxh8** &Bianco is more active. **17...Be8** 2.01/20

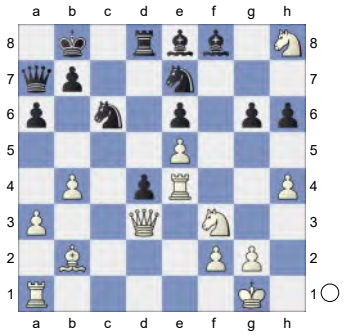
[17...Qb6± 1.58/19 was called for. 18.Qxd3 Be8]

18.Qxd3 Strongly threatening Bb2.

18...Kb8 2.59/21

[18...Qb6± 1.39/19 19.Bb2 Qb5 20.Qxb5 axb5]

19.Bb2+- Rd8 20.Re4 g6



21.Rf4

[21.Nxd4 Bg7±]

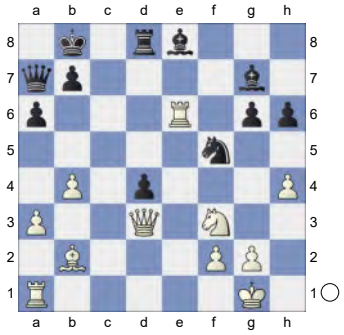
21...Bg7 22.Nf7 Nxe5? 6.90/22

[22...Rd5 2.89/19 23.Nd6 *(23.Nxd4 Nf5=)* 23...Nxe5 24.Nxe5 Bxe5]

23.N7xe5 Bxe5 24.Re4 Bg7 5.92/21

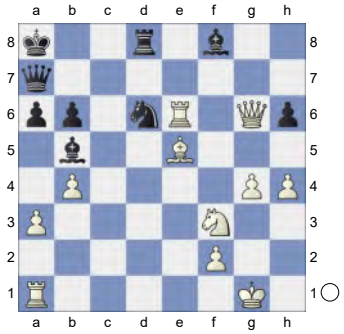
[24...Bb5 4.20/20 was necessary.]

25.Rxe6 Nf5

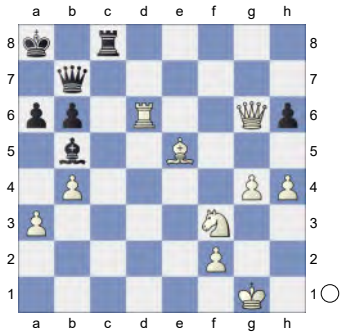


26.g4 Bb5 27.Qe4 Nd6 28.Qxg6 Bf8 29.Bxd4 b6 30.Be5 Ka8

(Diagram)



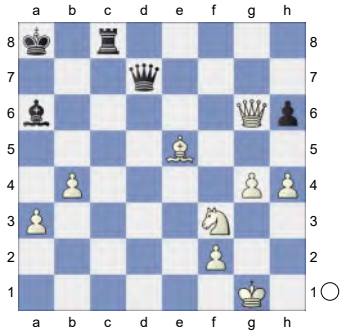
31.Rd1 Qb7 32.Rexd6 Bxd6 33.Rxd6 Rc8



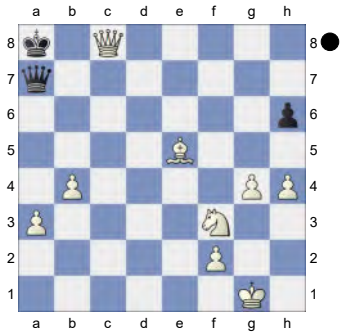
34.Rxb6! Qd7

[34...Rc1+ 35.Kh2]

35.Rxa6+ Bxa6



36.Qxa6+ Qa7 37.Qxc8+

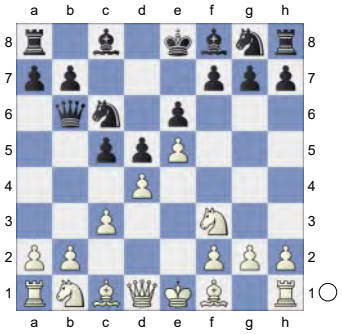


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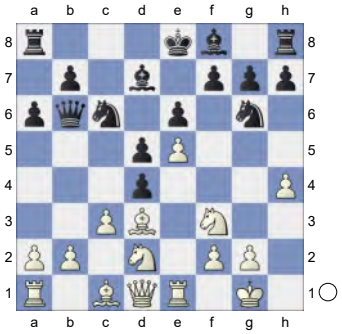
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□ **Nitin,S.** **2389**
■ **Player,Edmund C** **2204**
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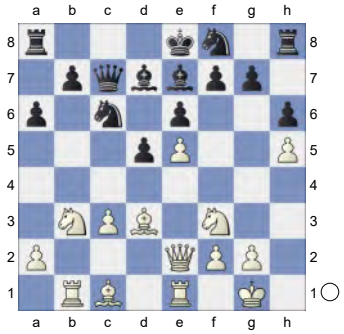
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is now more promising than 7.cxd4.im Vergleich zu 7.cxd4 vielversprechender. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...a6 10.Nbd2 Ng6**



11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7
[12...f6 13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bxg6+ hxg6 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qc4 e5 18.Be3 Bf5 19.Rb2 Bd3 20.Qa4 f5 21.Nc5 Bb5 22.Qb3 Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Na5 24.Qe6+ Bd7 25.Qxe5 Nc4 26.Qxc7+ Kxc7 27.Rbe2 Gabrielian,A (2560)-Lugovskoy,M (2397) Yerevan 120/(105) 2014 CI1-130 [Arsovic,Goran] 0-1 (36)]
13.Qe2 Be7N 0.51/21
[Vorgänger: 13...f6 14.exf6 gxf6 15.c4 cxd5 is the strong threat. *(15.Rb1 Bd6 16.Nbd4 e5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Ng7+ Kf7 19.Nh5* 8) Advance of the French-4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 #23*; 15.Qc2 0-0-0 16.Bxg6 hxg6 17.Qxg6 Bd6 18.Qxf6 Rdf8 19.Qg7 e5 20.Bg5 e4 21.Nfd4 Be5 22.Qg6 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Bxd4 24.cxd4 Bf5 25.Qxf5+ Rxf5 26.Rac1 Rf7 27.Rxc7+ Rxc7 28.g4 Rf7 29.Kg2 Rg8* Matta,V (2111)-Coles,R (2167) Biel 2023 0-1 (54)*)* 15...0-0-0! 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Bb2 Be7 0.65/22 *(18...Bb4=* -0.01/19 *19.Bxf6 Bxe1 20.Bxh8 Bxf2+ 21.Qxf2 Rxh8)* 19.Rac1± And now Qxe7! would win. Rhe8 0.86/21 ½-½ Kiolbasa,O (2399)-Osmak,I (2419) Wroclaw Litwinska Memorial-A rapid 2021 (5.1) *(19...Bb4±* 0.53/21 *)*]
[13...f6= 0.00/21 14.Bxg6+ hxg6]
14.h5± Nf8 15.Rb1 h6



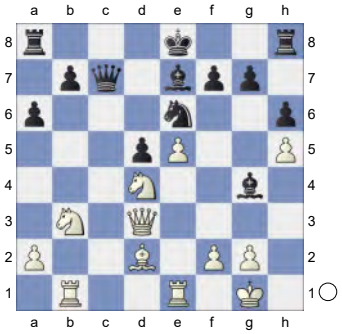
16.c4 Nb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nfd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bg4 1.55/21
[Better is 19...Bb4± 0.70/19 20.Bd2 Bxd2 21.Qxd2 Ne6]
20.Bd2 0.58/19 &Bianco is more active.

[20.Qg3± 1.55/21 Bxh5 21.Qxg7]

20...Ne6? 3.04/20

[Not 20...Bxh5 21.Qh3 Bg6 22.Rbc1+-]

[20...Qd7!± 0.58/19]

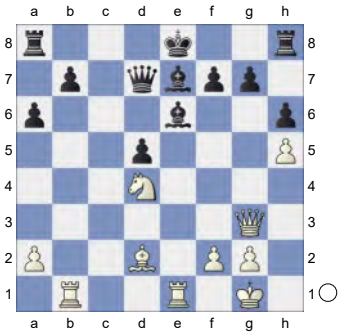


This costs Black the game. **21.Qg3+- Nxd4?** 5.89/21

[21...Bxh5 3.01/19 22.Nxe6 fxe6 23.Qxg7 Rf8 24.Qxh6 Bf7]

22.Nxd4 White is clearly winning.

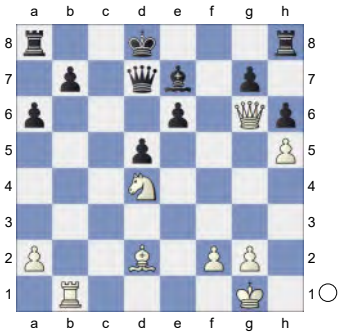
22...Qd7 23.e6 Deflection **23...Bxe6**



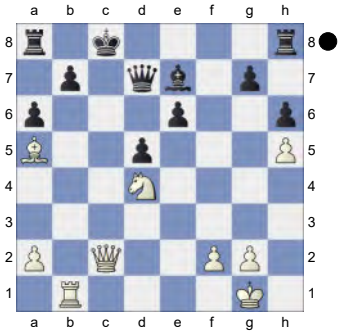
24.Rxe6! fxe6

[24...Kf8 25.Rxe7]

25.Qg6+ Kd8



26.Ba5+ Kc8 27.Qc2+



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□ **Jiang,Kate Yuhua** **2253**

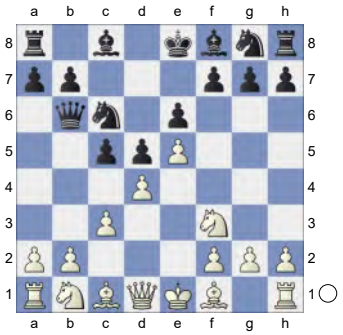
■ **Janosi,Erwin** **2316**

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C02: French: Advance Variation

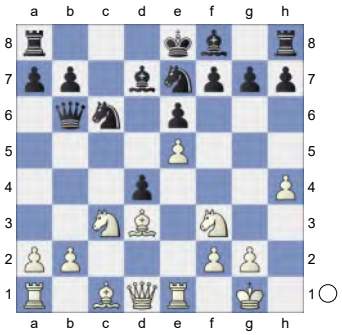
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



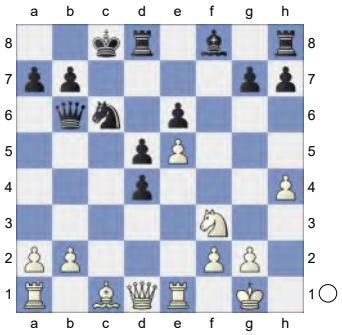
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...dxc3**

[9...h6 10.h5 Rc8 11.a3 a6 12.b4 dxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxb4 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Nbc6 16.Bd2 Nf5 17.Rab1 Qa7 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.e6 fxe6 20.Rxe6+ Kf7 21.Rg6 Bc5 22.Bc3 Rhg8 23.Qf4 Ne7 24.Ne5+ Bochnicka,V (2356)-Jakab,B (2358) Slovakia 2023 1-0]

10.Nxc3 d4N 0.38/19
[10...a6= 0.01/19 11.h5 Qc7 12.Bf4 h6 13.Rc1 Qd8 14.a3 Nc8 15.b4 Be7 16.Bb1 Nb6 17.Qd3 Rc8 18.b5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Nc4 20.Nd6+ Nxd6 21.exd6 Bf6 22.Qxd5 Kf8 23.Qb3 Rb8 24.Be3 Qa5 25.Bb6 Qxh5 Sulava (2541)-Naivelt,M (2154) Elista 2023 CT-2879 [John Watson] 0-1 (56)]

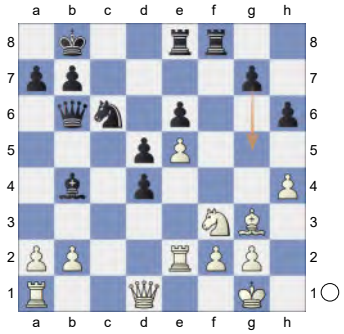


Inhibits Be3. **11.Ne4** And now Nd6+ would win. **11...Nd5 12.Bc4 0-0-0 13.Bxd5 exd5 14.Neg5 Be6** 0.50/21
[14...Be8= -0.01/20]
15.Nxe6 fxe6

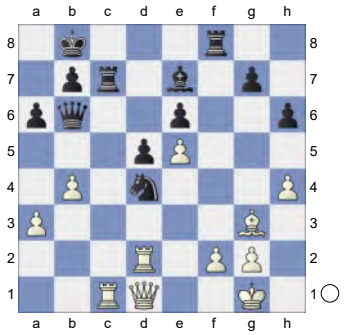


16.Ng5 Re8 17.Bf4 Bb4 18.Re2 Rhf8 19.Bg3 h6 20.Nf3 Kb8

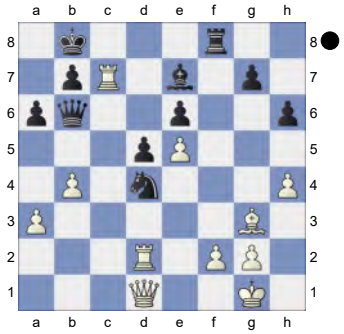
(Diagram)



21.a3 Be7 22.Rd2 Rc8↑ Black fights for an advantage. **23.b4 a6 24.Rc1 Rc7 25.Nxd4 Nxd4**

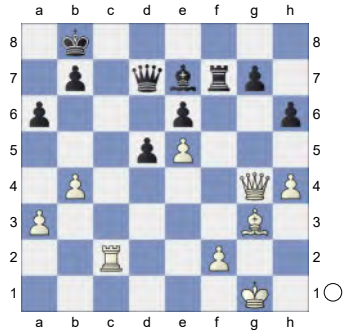


26.Rxc7

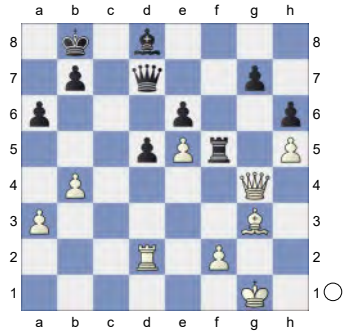


Nf3+! 27.gxf3 Qxc7 28.Rc2 Qd7 -0.11/22
[28...Qd8∓ -0.55/24 29.h5 Qe8]
29.Qd4 -1.45/24
[29.Kg2= -0.11/22]
29...Rxf3∓ 30.Qg4 -2.69/23
[30.Rc3∓ -1.43/23 Rxc3 31.Qxc3]
30...Rf7 -1.10/23
[30...Rxa3-+ -2.69/23 31.Qxg7 Ra1+ 32.Kh2 d4]

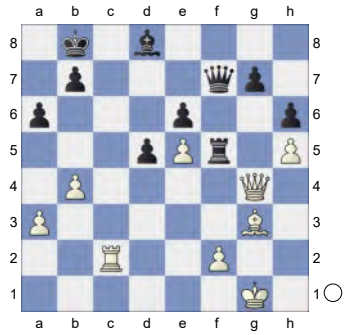
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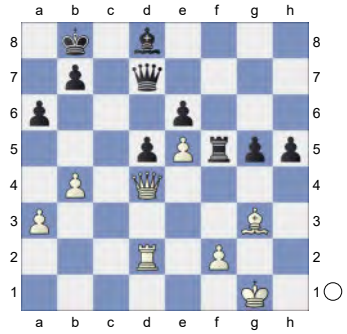
31.Rd2 Bd8 32.h5 -1.95/24
[32.a4∓ -1.09/21]
32...Ka8 33.Rc2 Kb8? 0.01/20
[33...d4-+ -1.88/23 ...d3 is the strong threat. 34.Qd1 Bc7]
34.Rd2= Rf5?? 6.52/24
[34...Ka7-+ -1.78/22 35.f4 Bb6+ 36.Bf2 Bxf2+ 37.Rxf2 Rf5]



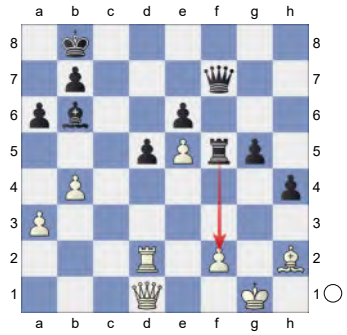
35.Rc2?? -2.64/22
[35.Qxf5!!+- 6.52/24 exf5 *(35...Ka7 36.Qg6)* 36.e6+ Qc7 37.Bxc7+ Kxc7 38.Rxd5]
35...Qf7



36.Qd4 Rxh5? -0.79/23
[36...Qxh5-+ -2.75/24 and Black stays clearly on top. Threatens to win with ... Qh3. 37.Rc3 Qe2]
37.Qd3? -3.49/22
[Don't go for 37.Qc5? Qf3 38.Bh2 Qg4+ 39.Kh1 Rg5-+]
[37.Qxd5∓ -0.79/23 is the only way for White. Bc7 38.Qc5]
37...Qd7 38.Qc3 Rf5 39.Rd2 -3.75/21
[⌓39.Qc5 -2.57/21]
39...h5-+ 40.Qd4 Inhibits h4. **40...g5**

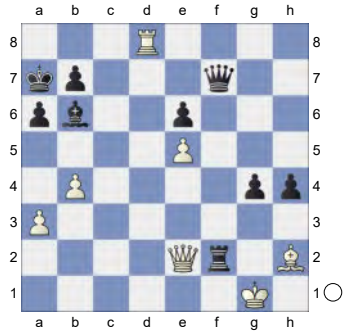


41.Bh2 h4 42.Qg4 aiming for Qxf5!
42...Qc6 43.Qd1 Qd7? -0.01/18
[43...Qc3-+ -6.32/24 44.Rd3 Qc4]
44.Rd4? -9.14/23
[44.Qg4= -0.01/18 Qc6 45.Qd1]
44...Bb6 Hoping for ...Qf7. **45.Rd2 Qf7**



46.Qe2 g4 47.Rxd5 Rxf2 48.Rd8+ Ka7

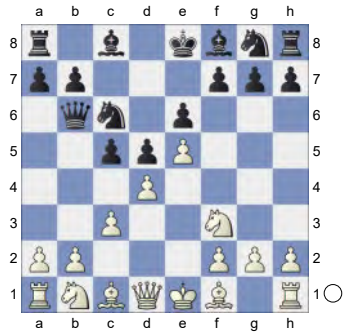
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What a bad dream for White.
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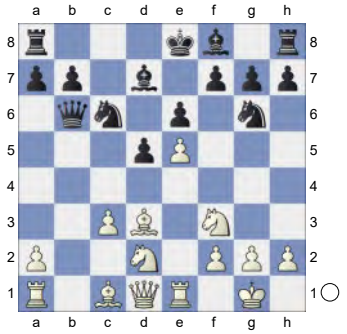
169 **C02**
□ **Paichadze,Luka** **2515**
■ **Ikramul,Haque Siam** **2117**
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C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



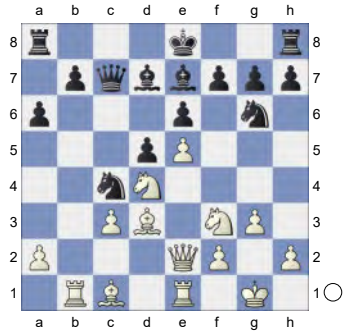
6.Bd3 cxd4 **7.0-0!** now scores much better than the old 7.cxd4. punktet besser als das ältere 7.cxd4.
7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Ng6**

(Diagram)



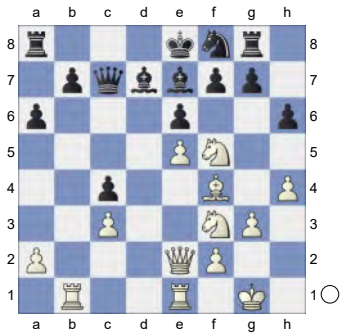
11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Be7
[12...f6 13.Bxg6+ hxg6 14.Qd3 0-0-0 15.Bf4 g5 16.Bg3 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Bxe5 Bd6 19.Qg3 Bxe5 20.Rxe5 Rh4 21.Nd4 Rdh8 22.h3 g4 23.Nxe6 Qb6 24.Nf4 Qb2 25.Rae1 gxh3 26.Nxd5 Rc4 27.R5e2 Payne,M (2104)-Dong,B (2361) Cambridge 2023 1-0]
13.Nbd4 -0.30/18
[⌓13.Rb1 0.01/18 0-0 14.Nbd4 a6 15.g3 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bb5 17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Rxb5 Ra4 19.Be3 Rfa8 20.Reb1 Rxa2 21.Rxb7 Qxb7 22.Qxa2 Qc8 23.Qb3 h6 24.Kg2 Bf8 25.Bd2 Ne7 26.Bb4 Rb8 27.Qd3 Qc4 28.Qxc4 Blomqvist,E (2535)-Iskusnyh,S (2473) chess.com (Int.-blitz) 150/(91) 2021 [Jacimovic, Dragoljub] (50)]
13...a6 0.01/20
[⌓13...Rc8 -0.30/18]
14.Rb1N
[14.h4 Nxh4 15.Nxh4 Bxh4 16.Qg4 Be7 17.Qxg7 0-0-0 18.Bf4 Rdg8 19.Qh6 Kb8 20.Rab1 Nxd4 21.cxd4 Ka7 22.Bd2 Bc6 23.Rec1 Rg4 24.g3 Rhg8 25.Qh5 Rxg3+ 26.fxg3 Rxg3+ 27.Kf2 Rxd3 28.Rc2 Qd8 Blomqvist,E (2535)-Jaskolka,T (2220) chess.com (Internet-blitz) 2021 [Jacimovic,Dragoljub] 1-0 (55)]
14...Na5 15.g3 **Nc4N** 0.25/20
[Vorgänger: 15...0-0 16.h4 f6 1.42/22

(16...Rfc8= 0.07/20 keeps the balance.) 17.exf6± Bxf6 18.h5 Ne7 2.48/19 *(18...e5± 1.06/20 was called for.)* 19.Nxe6+- Bxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Ne5 Nac6 3.65/21 1-0 (32) Acs,P (2560)-Steindl,J (2247) Austria 2022 *(⌓21...Bxe5 2.20/20 22.Qxe5 Qxe5 23.Rxe5 Ng8 24.Rxd5 Rad8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8)*]
[Don't play 15...Qxc3 16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Bxa5 Qxa5 18.Rxb7=]
[⌓15...b5 -0.26/20]

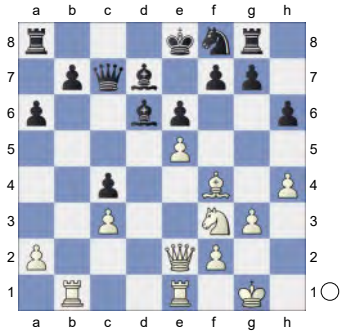


16.h4!= Nf8 17.Bf4 -0.01/18
[17.Bxc4± 0.43/20 feels stronger. dxc4 18.Ng5]
17...h6 0.97/20
[17...Ng6= -0.01/18]
18.Nf5 Rg8 1.32/19
[18...exf5? 19.e6 Qc5 20.exd7+ Nxd7 21.Rxb7+-]
[⌓18...g5 0.83/19]
19.Bxc4± &Bianco is more active.
19...dxc4 2.40/21
[19...Qxc4± 1.26/22 20.Qxc4 dxc4 21.Nxe7 Kxe7]

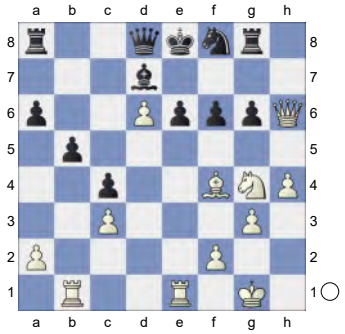
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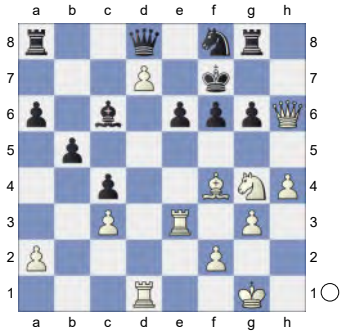
20.Nd6+!+- Bxd6



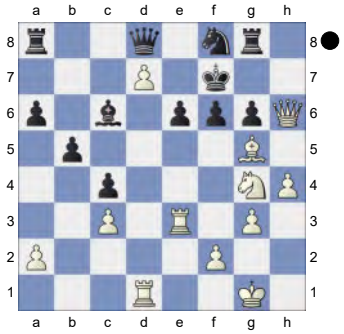
21.exd6 Qc8 22.Ne5 Hoping for Qh5.
22...b5 23.Qh5 g6 24.Qxh6 f6 25.Ng4 Qd8



26.Re3→ 1.42/19 White goes for the king.
[26.Rbd1+- 2.55/18]
26...Bc6? 2.98/19 This move loses the game for Black.
[26...Rc8± 1.42/19 might work better.]
27.Rbe1 Threatens to win with Rxe6+.
27...Bd5 6.50/22
[27...Kd7 3.04/21 28.Be5 fxe5]
28.Rd1 White is clearly winning.
28...Bc6 29.d7+ Kf7



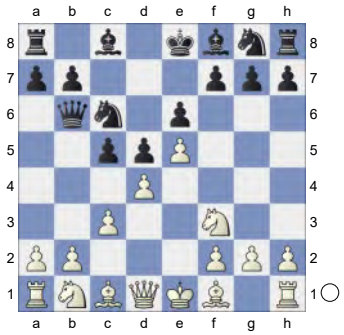
30.Bg5!



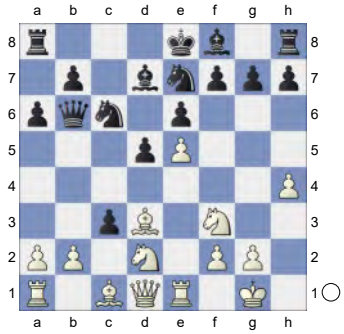
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1-0

170 **C02**
□ **Benhadi,Aziz Madani** **2452**
■ **Statter** **2118**
(m/1) 100/177 (1) 11.04.2023
[John Watson]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



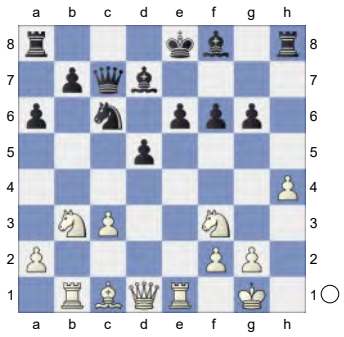
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6 10.Nbd2**
[10.h5 h6 11.Nbd2 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.c4 Nb4 14.Bf1 dxc4 15.Nxc4 Ned5 16.Bb2 Bc5 17.Nd6+ Kf8 18.Qd2 Qb6 19.Rab1 Qa7 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Nxd4 Qc5 22.a3 Nc6 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 Carlsen,M (2853)-Terry,R (2520) chess.com INT 2023 [John Watson] 1-0 (33)]
10...dxc3



11.bxc3 Ng6 12.Nb3 f6N
[12...Qc7 13.Qe2 f6 *(13...Be7 14.h5 Nf8 15.Rb1 h6 16.c4 Nb4 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Nfd4 Nxd3 19.Qxd3 Bg4 20.Bd2 Ne6 21.Qg3 Nxd4 22.Nxd4 Qd7 23.e6 Bxe6 24.Rxe6 fxe6 25.Qg6+ Kd8 26.Ba5+ Kc8 27.Qc2+* 1-0 (27) Corominas Garrido,A (2389)-Reichardt,J (2204) corr Cuba 2023 CB on-line [John Watson] *)* 14.exf6 gxf6 15.c4 And now cxd5 would win. *(15.Rb1 Bd6 16.Nbd4 e5 17.Nf5 Bc5 18.Ng7+ Kf7 19.Nh5* 8) Advance of the French-4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 #23*)* 15...0-0-0! 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Bxg6 hxg6 18.Bb2 Be7 0.59/18 *(18...Bb4=* -0.05/19 *19.Bxf6 Bxe1 20.Bxh8 Bxf2+ 21.Qxf2 Rxh8)*]
13.exf6 gxf6 14.Rb1 aiming for Nbd4. **14...Qc7 15.Bxg6+** -0.33/19

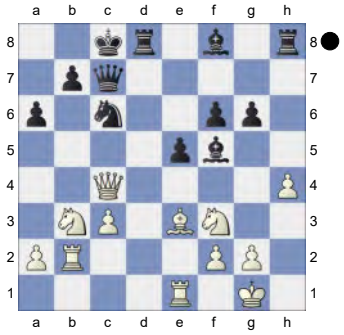
[15.Nfd4± 0.54/18 e5 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.h5]

15...hxg6∓



16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qc4 e5 18.Be3! Bf5 19.Rb2 -1.30/20

[19.Rbd1= -0.29/18 remains equal.]



19...Bd3 -0.43/20 This bishop pair is nice.

[Black should play 19...b5!∓ -1.30/20 20.Qe2 Bg4]

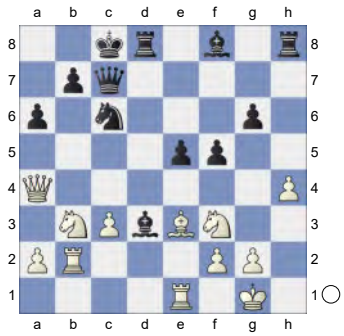
20.Qa4 -1.91/19

[Better is 20.Qe6+∓ -0.43/20 Qd7 21.Qxd7+ *(21.Qxf6 Be7∓)* 21...Rxd7 22.Bc5]

20...f5? 0.22/21

[20...e4-+ -1.91/19 21.Nbd2 exf3]

(Diagram)



21.Nc5 -0.37/22

[21.Nbd2= 0.22/21]

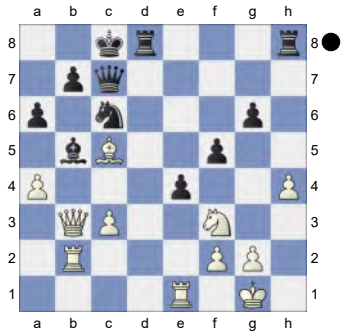
21...Bb5 -0.01/21

[21...Bxc5∓ -0.37/22 22.Bxc5 Rd7]

22.Qb3!= Black must now prevent Ne6.

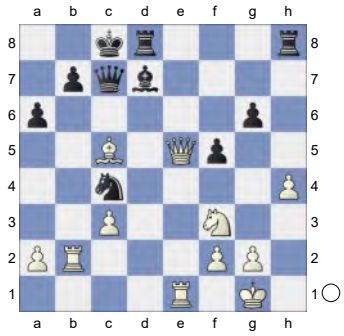
22...Bxc5 23.Bxc5 Strongly threatening a4. **23...Na5?** 1.57/22

[23...e4∓ -0.60/20 keeps the upper hand. 24.a4



Na5! 25.Qe6+ Bd7]

24.Qe6+± Bd7 25.Qxe5 0x0. 00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. **25...Nc4**

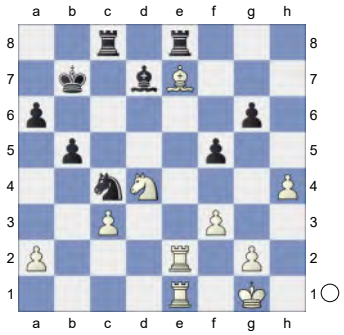


26.Qxc7+ Kxc7 27.Rbe2 Rhe8 1.83/21

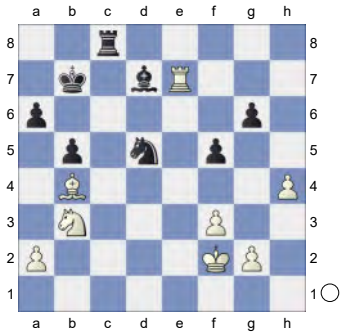
[27...Kc8± 1.44/20 28.Be7 Rde8]

28.Be7 Rc8 29.Nd4 1.47/18

[29.Ng5+- 1.87/20]
29...b5 1.98/22
[29...Kb8± 1.47/18 was necessary. 30.f3 Ka7]
30.f3 Kb7

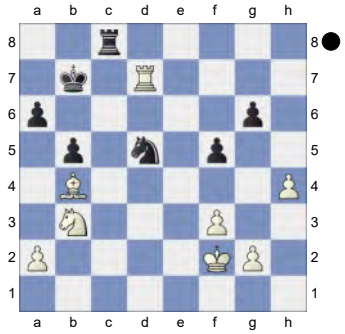


31.Kf2 Nb6 32.Nb3 Nd5 2.31/24
[32...Rxc3 1.91/19 was called for. 33.Bb4 Rxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Rc7]
33.Bb4 0.99/22
[33.Rd2+- 2.31/24 has better winning chances. Rxe7 34.Rxe7 *(34.Rxd5 Rxe1 35.Kxe1 Kc6±)* 34...Nxe7 35.Rxd7+ Rc7 36.Nc5+ Kc8 37.Rxc7+ Kxc7 38.Nxa6+ Kd6 39.Nb4]
33...Rxe2+ 34.Rxe2 Nc5+ is the strong threat. **34...Nxc3?** 5.74/23
[34...Kb6± 1.03/20]
35.Re7+- Nd5 9.43/22
[⌓35...Nxa2 5.02/20 36.Rxd7+ Rc7 37.Nc5+ Kc8 38.Rxc7+ Kxc7 39.Ba5+ Kc6 40.Nxa6 Nc1]



36.Rxd7+

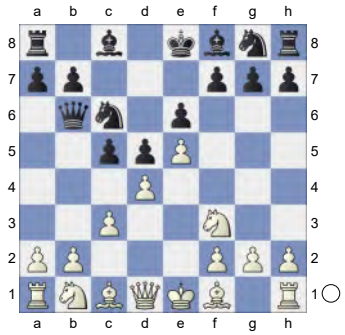
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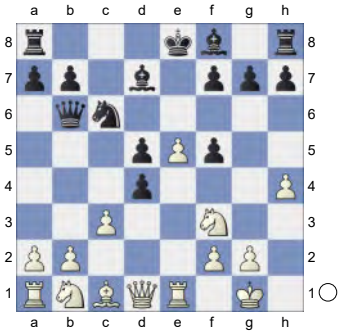
171 **C02**
□ **Sieber,Fiona** **2280**
■ **Kucharska,Honorata** **2207**
Antwerp World Uni op (Women) (7)
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! scheint profitabler als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 Nf5 10.Bxf5 exf5**

(Diagram)



11.cxd4 h6

[11...Be7 12.Nc3 Be6 13.Bg5 Bb4 14.Rc1 h6 15.Bd2 Be7 16.Na4 Qb5 17.b4 a5 18.bxa5 Nxa5 19.Rb1 Qc6 20.Nb6 Ra6 21.Bxa5 Rxa5 22.a4 Bd8 23.Qd2 Bxb6 24.Rec1 Qxa4 25.Rxb6 0-0 26.Rxb7 4.a3Ba6/ 10. Be2 (2582)-Kramer,A (2603) Cap d'Agde 2023 CT-2292 [John Watson] ½-½ (31)]

12.Nc3

[12.a3 Be6 13.Qd3 a5 14.Nc3 Be7 15.Ne2 Qa6 16.Qb1 a4 17.Ng3 g6 18.Bd2 Qb6 19.Qd3 Qa6 20.Qe3 Qb5 21.Rab1 Qb3 22.Bc3 Rc8 23.Ne2 Nd8 24.Nc1 Qb5 25.Nd3 g5 26.Bb4 f4 Maltsevskaya,A (2356)-Kucharska,H (2207) Sypniewo 2022 1-0 (48)]

12...Be6 13.Ne2

[13.a3 Rc8 14.h5 Be7 15.Ne2 Na5 16.b4 Nc4 17.Qd3 a5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.Ng3 g6 20.Rb1 b6 21.Re2 Qa4 22.Rc2 Qd7 23.Qe2 g5 24.Rc3 f4 25.Nf1 Bf5 26.Ra1 0-0 27.N1d2 b5 Escalona Landi,S (2286)-Christie,J (2201) San Salvador 2023 [John Watson] 0-1]

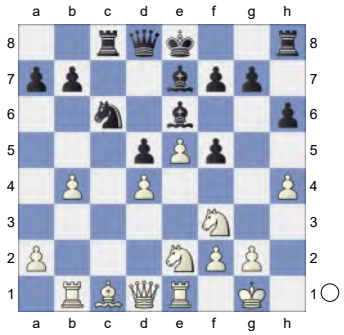
13...Be7 14.Rb1N

[Vorgänger: 14.h5 0-0 15.Rb1 Rfc8 16.Nf4 a5 17.Kh1 Nb4 18.Nxe6 fxe6 19.Rg1 Qb5 20.g4 1-0 (74) Piorun,K (2640)-Vastrukhin,O (2376) Warsaw 2021 Qd3 21.Qxd3 Nxd3 22.gxf5 Nxf2+ 23.Kh2 exf5 24.Rg2 Ng4+ 25.Kg3 Kf7 26.Bf4 Rc4 27.Rd1 Rac8 28.Ne1 b5 29.Re2 Ke6 30.Rd3 a4 31.b3 axb3 32.axb3 R4c6 33.Ra2 g5 34.hxg6 Rg8 35.Kf3 Rasmussen,P (2640)-2.♗g5 ♘e4 3.♗f4 e6 (2376) Heviz HUN 2021 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (74) Rxg6 36.Ng2 b4 37.Bg3 Bg5 38.Ra4 Rc3 39.Rxc3 bxc3 40.Ra6+ Kf7 41.Ra7+ Ke8 42.Rc7 Bd2 43.Nf4 Rb6 44.Nxd5 Rxb3 45.Ke2 Bg5 46.e6 Kf8 47.e7+ Kf7 48.Rc8 Bxe7 49.Rc7 c2 50.Rxe7+ Piorun,K (2640)-Vastrukhin,O (2376) Warsaw 2021 [John Watson] 1-0 (74)]

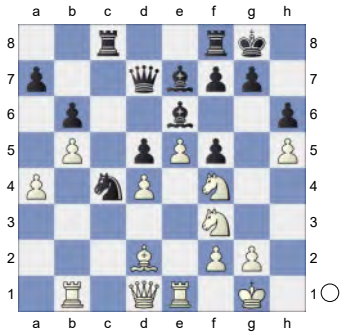
14...Rc8 15.b4 Qd8 0.52/19

[15...Bxb4? 16.a3+-]

[Black should try 15...a5= 0.01/21]

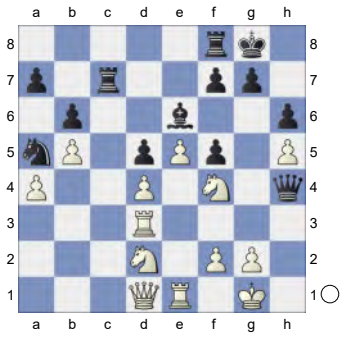


16.b5 Na5 17.h5 0-0 18.a4 Nc4 19.Bd2 b6 20.Nf4 Qd7



21.Bb4 Bxb4 22.Rxb4 Qe7 23.Rb3 Na5 24.Rd3 Rc7! 25.Nd2 Qh4 0.50/21

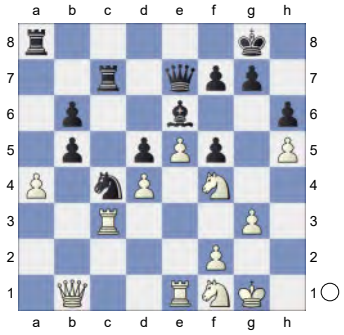
[25...Nc4= 0.01/22 should be considered. 26.Rc3 Rfc8]



26.g3 Qe7 27.Nf1 Nc4 28.Qa1 0.16/22 Inhibits Nb2.

[28.Qb3± 0.60/21]

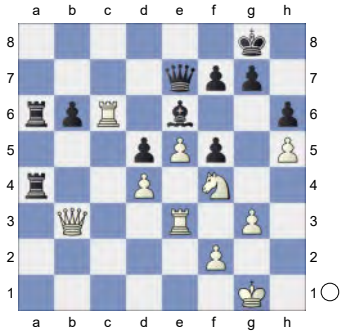
28...Ra8 29.Rc3 a6! 30.Qb1 axb5



31.Qxb5 Ra5 32.Qb3 Rca7 33.Ne3 Nxe3 34.Rexe3 R7a6 0.34/24

[34...Rxa4= 0.01/24 35.Qxb6 Rb7]

35.Rc6 Rxa4



36.Rxb6 Rxb6 0.75/25

[36...Qc7= 0.25/24 37.Rxa6 Rxa6]

37.Qxb6± Qa7 38.Qd8+ 0.22/5

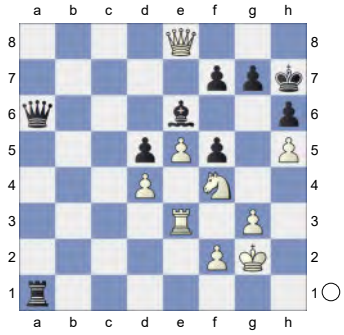
[38.Qxa7± 0.83/26 Rxa7 39.Rb3]

38...Kh7= Strongly threatening ...Ra1+.

39.Qe8

[39.Nxd5? Ra1+ 40.Kg2 Qb7-+]

39...Ra1+ 40.Kg2!⇄ White is not holding back **40...Qa6**



(-> …Qf1+) **41.Ng6** Active counter play!

41...Qa8 0.86/29

[41...Qf1+= -0.01/27 keeps the balance. 42.Kf3 Qd1+ 43.Re2 Qh1+ 44.Kf4 Qxh5 45.Nf8+ Kh8 46.Nxe6+ Kh7 47.Nf8+ Kh8 48.Ng6+ Kh7 49.Nf8+ *(49.Qxf7* is a self mate. *Qg4+ 50.Ke3 Qe4+ 51.Kd2 Qxd4+ 52.Kc2 Ra2+ 53.Kc1 Qa1#)* 49...Kh8 50.Ng6+ Kh7 51.Nf8+ *(51.Qxf7 Qg4+ 52.Ke3 Qe4+ 53.Kd2 Qxd4+ 54.Kc2 Ra2+ 55.Kc1 Qa1#)*]

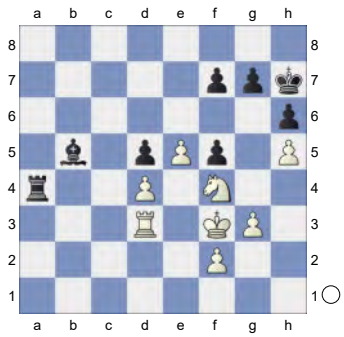
42.Qxa8± Dancing on a razor blade.

42...Rxa8 Endgame KRB-KRN **43.Nf4 Ra4 44.Rd3 Bd7 45.Kf3**

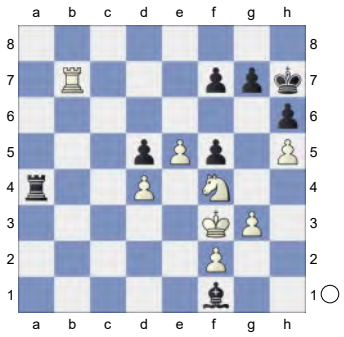
[Don't blunder 45.Nxd5? Bc6 46.Kf3 Bxd5+-+]

45...Bb5 1.57/24

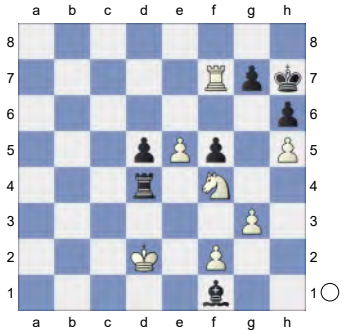
[⌓45...Be6 0.90/25]



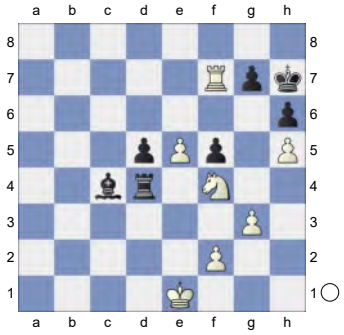
46.Rb3! Bc4 3.73/27
[46...Bd7± 1.24/22]
47.Rb7+- Bf1



...Ra3+ is the strong threat. **48.Ke3! Ra3+ 49.Kd2 Ra4 50.Rxf7 Rxd4+**

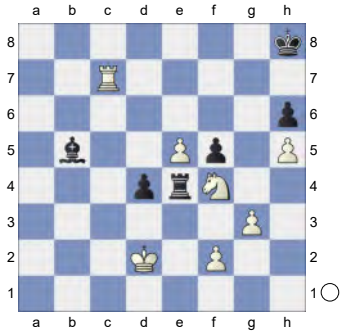


51.Ke1 Bc4

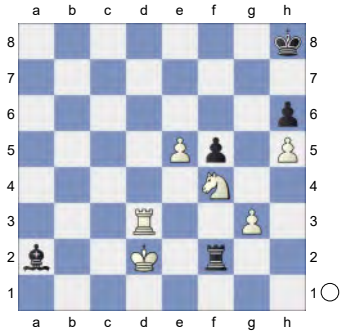


52.Rxg7+!! **Kh8** White must now prevent ...Re4+. **53.Ra7 Re4+ 54.Kd2** Threatens to win with f3. **54...d4 55.Rc7 Bb5**

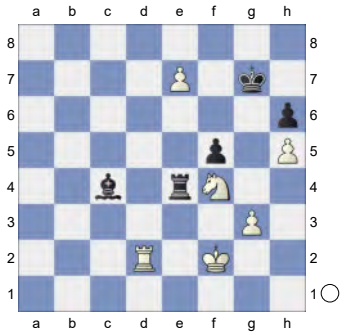
(Diagram)



56.Rb7 Bc4 57.Rb4 Ba2 58.f3 Re3 59.Rxd4 Rxf3 60.Rd3 Rf2+ 4.97/25
[60...Rxd3+ 2.22/26 is a better defense. 61.Kxd3 Kg7]

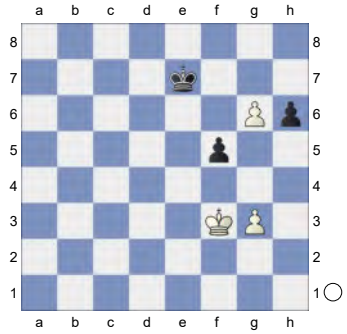


61.Ke3 Rf1 62.Rd2 Bc4 63.e6 1.97/27
[⌓63.Rd6 3.61/23]
63...Re1+ 64.Kf2 Re4 65.e7 Kg7

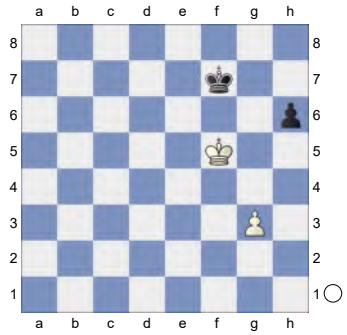


66.Ng6 0.83/22
[66.Rd4!!+- 1.99/25 Threatening mate with Rxe4. Kf7 67.e8B+ *(67.Rd6 Rxe7 68.Rxh6 Kg8±)* 67...Kxe8 68.Rd6]
66...Bf7± 67.Re2 0.00/34
[67.Rd6± 0.83/25]
67...Rxe2+= The position is equal.

68.Kxe2 KB-KN **68...Kf6 69.Kf3 Bxg6** Remove Defender **70.hxg6 Kxe7**



71.Kf4 Kf6 72.g7 Kxg7 73.Kxf5 Kf7

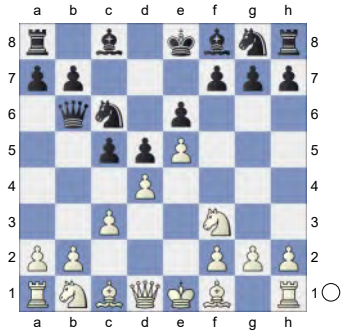


Black defended with fortune.
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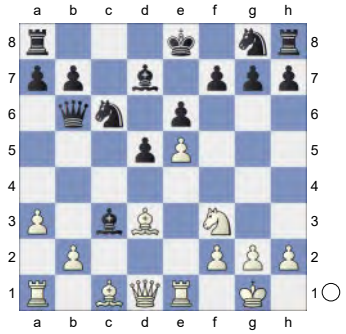
172 **C02**
□ **Yaniv,Yuval** **2359**
■ **Sherman,Reem** **2126**
Rishon le Zion-ch U18 (2) 29.03.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

(Diagram)



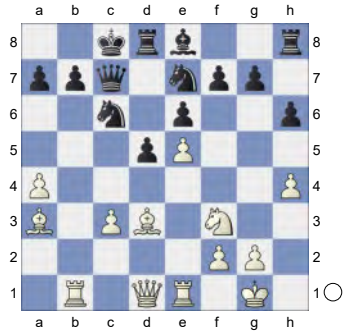
6.Bd3 cxd4 **7.0-0!** is currently scoring better than 7.cxd4.wohl besser als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 dxc3 9.Nxc3** The position is equal. **9...Bb4 10.a3 Bxc3**



11.bxc3 Nge7 **12.h4N** White has compensation.
[12.Rb1!? Qc7 13.c4=]
12...h6 0.52/20
[12...Qc5= 0.13/18]
13.a4N 0.10/18
[13.Rb1± 0.52/20 is superior. Qc7 14.a4]
[13.h5 Qc7 14.Rb1 Na5 15.Nd4 Nf5 16.Nxf5 exf5 17.Qf3 Be6 18.Bxf5 Bxf5 19.Qxf5 Qd7 20.e6 fxe6 21.Rxe6+ Kd8 22.Bf4 Nc4 23.Rd1 1-0 (23) Pellicoro,N (1845)-Thode,G (1871) Leukerbad 2023]
13...0-0-0 1.31/21
[13...Na5= 0.10/18]
14.Ba3 Rb1 is the strong threat.
14...Be8 2.32/21
[14...Rde8± 1.46/18 was called for.]
15.Rb1 1.37/22

[15.a5+- 2.32/21 Qc7 16.Nd4]

15...Qc7±

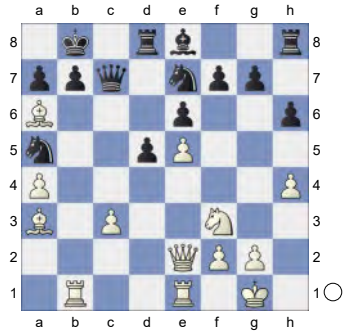


16.Qe2 Kb8 1.54/20

[⌓16...Na5 1.15/19]

17.Ba6 Na5 2.37/21

[17...b6± 1.58/24]

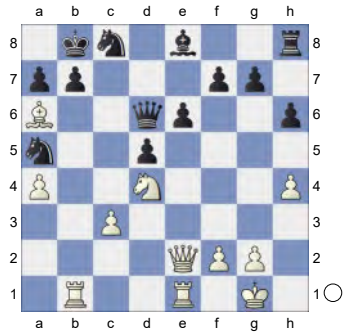


18.Bd6? 0.16/18

[18.Rxb7+!!+- 2.37/21 Nxb7 19.Rb1]

18...Rxd6= 19.exd6 Qxd6 20.Nd4 Nc8 1.42/21

[Better is 20...Ka8± 0.37/19 21.Bb5 Nac6]



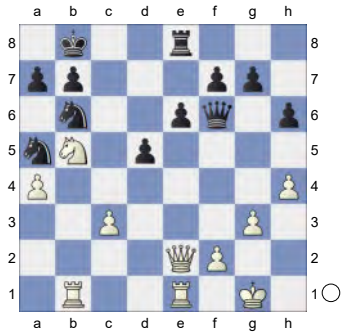
21.Bb5± Strongly threatening Bxe8. 0x0.0026f9770bb4dp-1022s more active pieces. **21...Nb6?** 3.48/22

[21...Nc6± 1.39/19 was necessary.]

22.Bxe8+- Rxe8 23.Nb5? 0.46/24

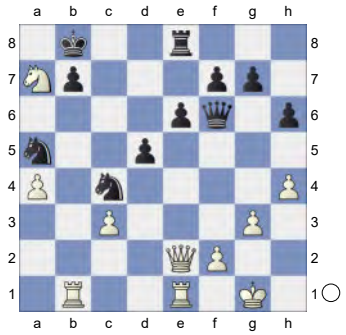
[White should try 23.Qb5+- 3.46/22 Rc8 24.Qxa5]

23...Qf4± 24.g3 Qf6



25.Nxa7! Nbc4!

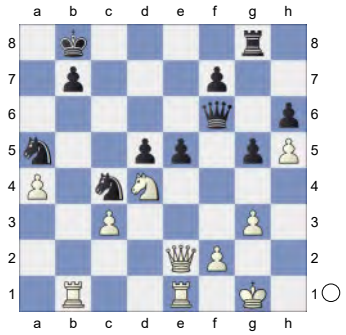
[25...Kxa7? 26.Qb5 Nbc4 27.Qxe8+-]



26.Nb5↑ White fights for an advantage.

26...g5 27.h5 Rg8 28.Nd4 e5? 2.13/21

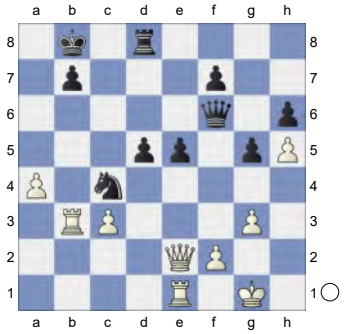
[28...Rc8± 0.53/19]



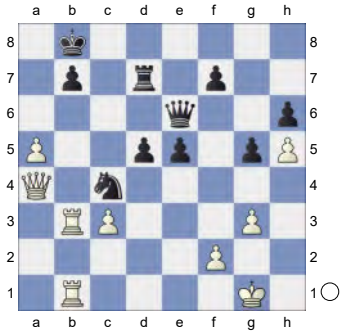
29.Nb3? 0.62/22

[29.Nc2!+- 2.13/21]

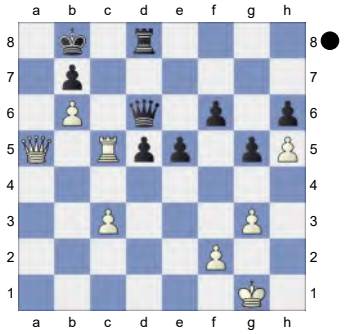
29...Nxb3 30.Rxb3 And now Reb1 would win. **30...Rd8**



31.Ra1 Qc6 0.99/20
[31...e4± 0.56/18 was preferrable.]
32.a5 Ka7 2.02/22
[32...e4± 0.86/19 keeps fighting.]
33.Qa2 Kb8 34.Qa4 Qe6 4.27/23
[34...Qxa4± 1.28/21 is a better defense. 35.Rxa4 Ka7]
35.Rab1+- White is clearly winning.
35...Rd7



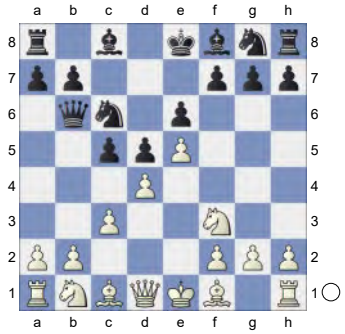
36.Rb6! Nxb6 37.axb6 Qd6 11.54/24
[⌓37...Rd8 4.70/25 38.Qa7+ Kc8 39.Qa8+ Kd7 40.Qxb7+ Ke8]
38.Rb5 Qa7+ would kill now. **38...Rd8**
39.Qa5 f6 40.Rc5



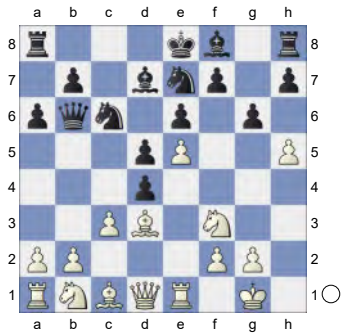
Weighted Error Value: White=0.54/ Black=0.62
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173 **C02**
□ **Ganguly,Surya Shekhar** **2456**
■ **Vladimirov,Yevgeniy** **2612**
Goodricke op 12th (1) 06.02.2001
[Postny,Evgeny]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



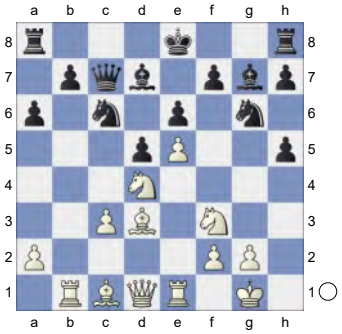
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 The position is equal. **9...a6** This interesting move appeared first time in match Kasparov-Anand in 1995. **10.h5 g6**



11.Nbd2 gxh5
[11...dxc3 12.bxc3 gxh5 and white is not worse. 13.Ng5?! Ng6! 14.Qxh5 -0.33/20 *(14.Rb1± 0.47/19 Qc7 15.Qxh5 Ncxe5 16.Bxg6 Nxg6*

17.c4) 14...Ncxe5 0.16/20 *(14...Bc5!∓ -0.33/20 15.Nh3 Nf4)* 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Qh3! Bg7 17.Rb1 Qc6]

12.Nb3 dxc3 In chess informant 69 Kasparov in comments to his game against Nikolic (see below) suggests 12...Nb4 as better alternative. **13.bxc3 Ng6! 14.Rb1!** exploiting the weakness of the kingside. **14...Qc7! 15.Nbd4 Bg7**



vacating c6 square for the knight. **16.Nxc6?!N** This move has to be considered as a novelty and a dubious one... **16...Bxc6 17.Ba3N** -0.70/19

[17.Nd4= -0.08/17 Bd7 18.Rb3 Ba4 19.Rxb7 Qxb7 20.Qxa4+ Kf8 21.f4 8) Advance of the French-4...Nc6 5. Nf3 Qb6 #19]

17...Bf8! The only defense.Now black grabs the initiative.

[17...Nxe5? 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Qxh5+-]

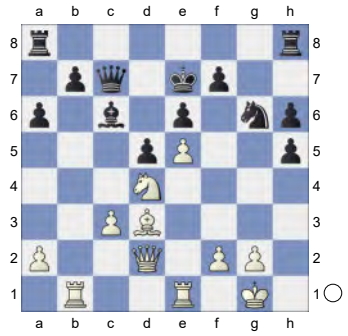
18.Bxf8 Kxf8 -0.07/21 Of course, this exchange sacrifice is the logical continuation of the previous move.

[18...Rxf8∓ -0.42/20 is superior. 19.Qd2 Rg8]

19.Qd2= h6 All black pieces are in action, white king is not safe and white rooks are still in the corners, but things are very complicated... **20.Nd4?** aiming for Bxg6. White has compensation.Wrong move, which put white on the edge. **20...Ke7** 0.83/20

[20...Nxe5? 21.Qf4 Nf3+ 22.Qxf3+-]

[20...Re8!= 0.01/18 keeps the balance.]



21.f4 0.52/17

[21.Bxg6± 0.83/20 fxg6 22.Qd3 *(22.Qf4 Raf8=)*]

21...Rag8?!± 22.Qf2 -0.01/17 Against Nh4

[22.Nxc6+± 0.53/17 bxc6 23.Qf2]

22...Kd7? 1.51/21

[Black should play 22...Bd7!= -0.01/17]

23.Rb2?! 0.88/17 &Bianco is much more active.

[⌓23.Re2 1.51/21]

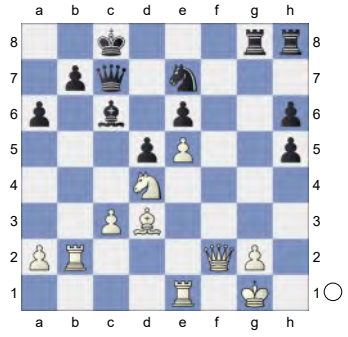
23...Ne7 2.07/18

[23...h4± 0.88/17]

24.f5+- Kc8?! 2.85/21 Not the best choice.

[24...h4± 1.52/19 25.fxe6+ *(25.Qxh4 Rg5±)* 25...fxe6]

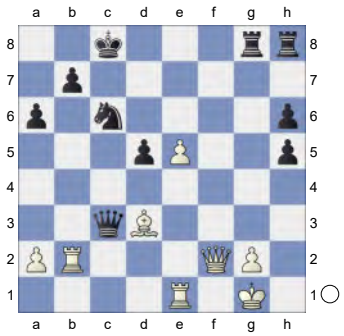
25.fxe6! fxe6



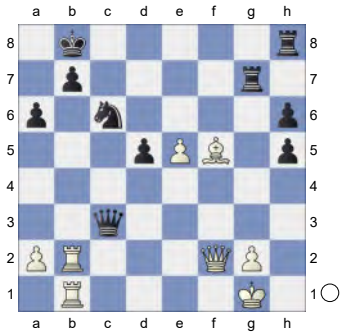
26.Nxe6 Qa5 27.Nd4? 1.08/20

[27.Qa7+- 3.17/19 is the precise move to win. Qxc3 28.Ree2]

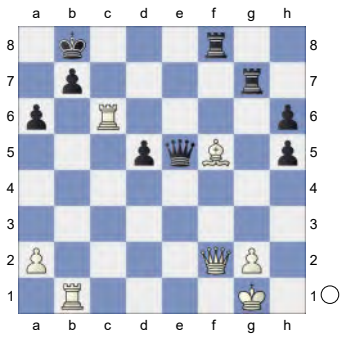
27...Qxc3?!∓ 3.10/24
[27...Rg7± 1.08/20]
28.Nxc6 Nxc6



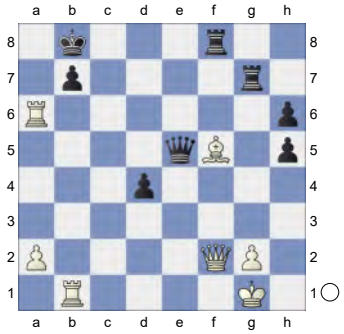
29.Bf5+ 0.42/19
[Better is 29.Bxa6!+- 2.74/20 bxa6 30.Rc2]
29...Kb8± 30.Reb1 And now Rc2 would win. **30...Rg7** 1.78/20
[30...Na5!± 0.52/21]



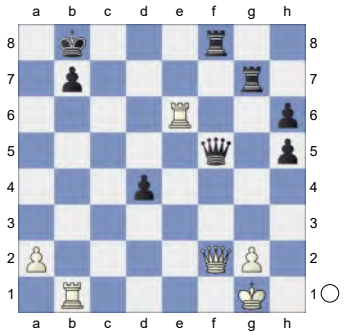
31.Rc2+- Qxe5 32.Rxc6 Rf8 3.25/21
[⌓32...Rhg8 1.86/20 33.Bh3 *(33.g4? Rxg4+ 34.Bxg4 Rxg4+ 35.Kf1 Rf4-+)* 33...Qe4]



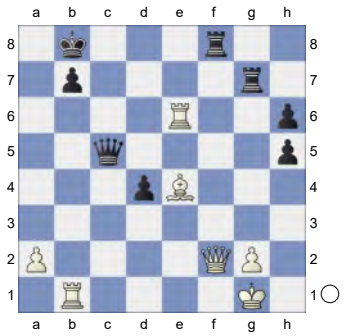
33.Rxa6! White wants to mate with Qa7+. Really sharp! **33...d4**



34.Re6! Qd5
[34...Qxf5?

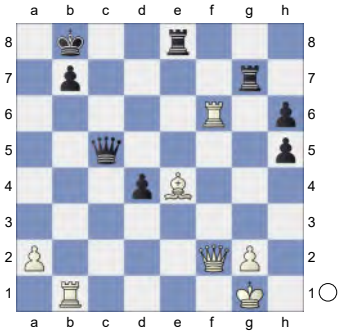


35.Re8+!! Kc7 36.Rc1+ Kd7 37.Rxf8+-]
[34...Qa5 35.Qf4+]
35.Be4 Qc5 5.98/23 This move allows white to reach drawish position immediatly.
[35...Rxf2 3.57/23 was worth a try. 36.Bxd5 Rf5]

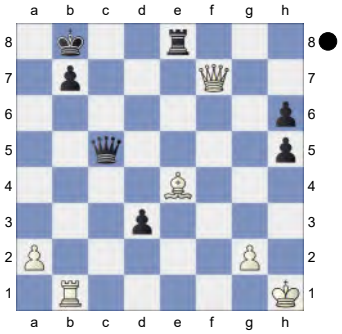


36.Rf6 Re8 9.15/23
[36...Rxf6 3.94/21 37.Qxf6 Rc7]

(Diagram)



37.Rf7! Rxf7 was better and black still has slight winning chances.
[37...Re7 38.Rxe7]
38.Qxf7 d3+ 39.Kh1

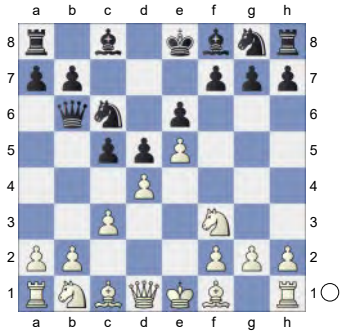


Weighted Error Value: White=0.43/ Black=0.82. An unexpected result.
½-½

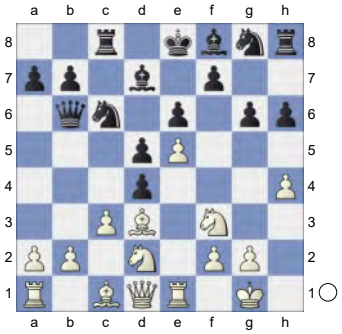
174 **C02**
□ **Akhilbay,Imangali** **2140**
■ **Suyarov,Mukhammadzokhid** **2299**
Almaty Academy Dec IM (7.2) 12.12.22
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
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(Diagram)



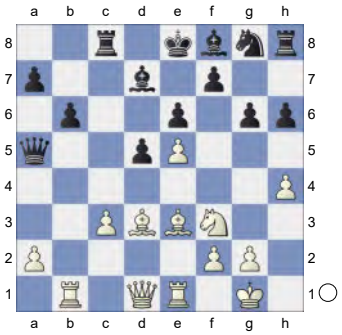
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is recently more successful than 7.cxd4.ist inzwischen erfolgreicher als 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2** The position is equal.
9...h6N
[9...Nge7 10.h4 *(10.Nb3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Rb1 b6 15.Qe2 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.e6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Be7 19.Bg5 Qc5 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.Qxe6 Rc7 22.Rbd1 Rd7 23.Re5 h6 24.Qg6+ Kf8* Kryvoruchko,Y (2689)-Christiansen,J (2609) Chess Informant 151 [Jacimovic,Dragoljub] 1-0 *)* 10...Ng6 11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7 13.Qe2 h6 14.h5 Nge7 15.Rb1 Nd8 16.Bd2 Nec6 17.Nfd4 a6 18.Bf4 Na5 19.Rbc1 Nc4 20.Bg3 a5 21.f4 a4 22.Nd2 Nxd2 23.Qxd2 Ba3 24.Rc2 Hrzic,I (2228)-Stojanovic,M (2486) Belgrade 2023 ½-½ (66)]
[9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Nge7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ Merario Alarcon,A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024 [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]
10.h4 g6 0.39/19
[10...dxc3= -0.12/19 11.bxc3 Na5]



11.Nb3± dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Nxa5 Qxa5 15.Rb1N

[Predecessor: 15.Qb1 Bc5 16.Nd4 Strongly threatening Nb3. Qb6 17.Qc2 0.11/19 *(17.h5± 0.56/19)* 17...Ne7 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.Qd2 Ng8 0.59/17 *(19...Bb6= 0.11/18* should be considered.*)* 20.Qb2 *(20.h5!? g5 21.Qe2=)* 20...b6 21.Ba6 1-0 (54) Sanket,C (2209)-Djordjevic,V (2382) Paracin 2022]

15...b6



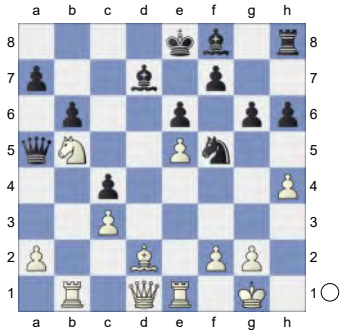
16.Nd4 Ne7 0.93/21

[16...Qxa2? 17.Ra1 Qb2 18.Re2 Qxc3 19.Rc2 Qxc2 20.Bxc2+-]

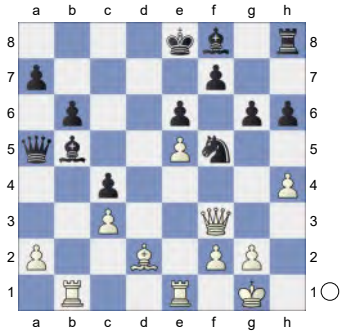
[16...Rxc3± 0.40/19 17.Qe2 Qa4]

17.Nb5± Black must now prevent Nd6+. &Bianco is much more active. **17...Nf5** Prevents Nd6+. **18.Bd2 Rc4** 1.43/21 **19.Bxc4 dxc4**

(Diagram)



20.Qf3! Bxb5

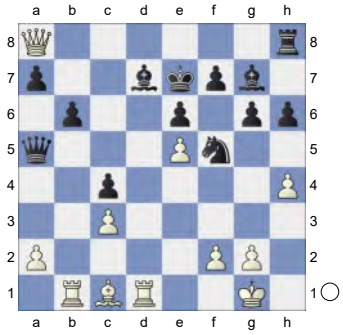


21.Qa8+ Ke7 22.Red1 White wants to mate with Qb7+. **22...Bd7** Threatens to win with ...Qa4.

[22...Bg7? 23.Bg5+ hxg5 24.Qb7+ Kf8 25.Rxb5! Bxe5 26.Rxa5 bxa5 27.Rd8+ Kg7 28.Rxh8 Kxh8 29.Qxf7+-]

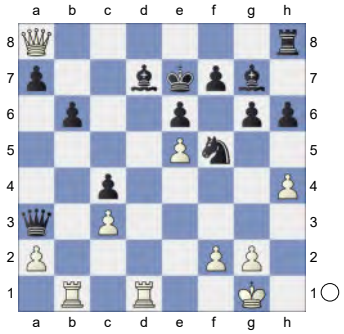
23.Bc1 Really sharp! **23...Bg7??** 9.46/24

[23...Qa4± 0.63/22 24.Ba3+ Qxa3 25.Rxb6 Qa4 26.Rxd7+ Qxd7]

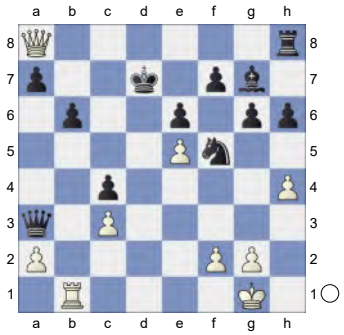


24.Ba3+!+- Qxa3

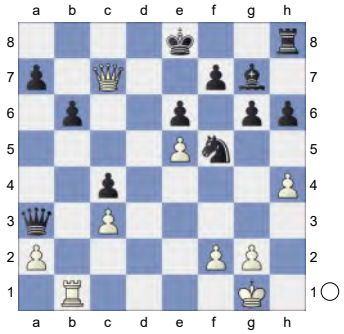
(Diagram)



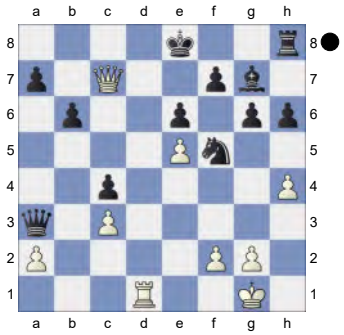
25.Rxd7+!→ White is up to no good.
25...Kxd7



26.Qb7+ Ke8 27.Qc8+ Ke7 28.Qc7+ Ke8



29.Rd1!

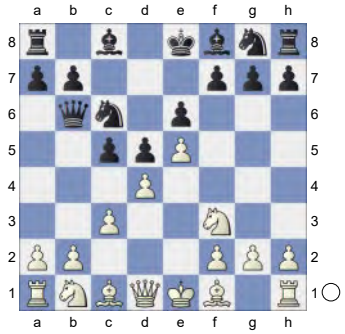


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175 **C02**
□ **Odeev,Handszar** **2245**
■ **Korkmaz,Necmettin** **2091**
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[Kitty Kat]

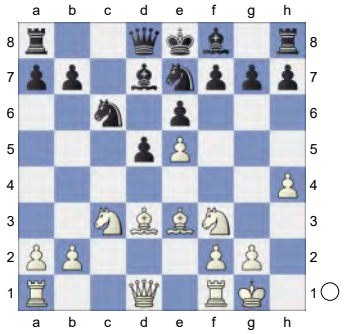
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



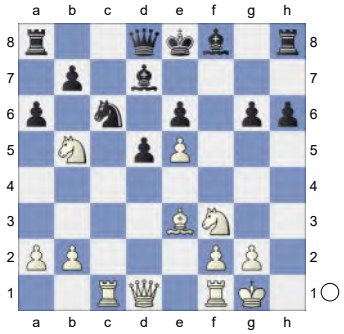
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! is currently scoring better than 7.cxd4.wohl besser als 7.cxd4. **7...dxc3 8.Nxc3 Bd7 9.Be3** White has compensation. White has an edge. **9...Qd8**
[9...d4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Qg4 Nh6 12.Qxd4 Qxd4 13.Bxd4 a6 14.Rfd1 Be7 15.Be4 Bc6 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.Ne4 0-0 18.Rac1 Nf5 19.Bc5 Rab8 20.Bxe7 Nxe7 21.Rd7 Ng6 22.b3 Nxe5 23.Ra7 Ra8 24.Rb7 Sofronie,V (1716)-Hausmann,I (1946) München 2023 TD 94\02 [John Watson] 1-0 (52)]
10.h4N
[Vorgänger: 10.a3 a6 11.b4 Nge7 12.Na4 Ng6 13.Bb6 Qb8 14.Re1 -0.53/22 *(14.Be3=* -0.13/20 feels stronger.*)* 14...Ncxe5∓ 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Bc2 1-0 Tymrakiewicz,R

(2225)-Seifert,H (2148) Titled Tuesday intern op 02nd Nov blitz 2021 (11)]
[10.Rc1 Nge7 11.Bg5 Qb8 12.Re1 Ng6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.a3 1-0 (14) 7. ♗c4 b5 8. ♗d3 ♗b7 (2225)-Suetin,A (2148) Bastia 2021 Chigorin-Salwe [Kotov: Erbe II, 58]]

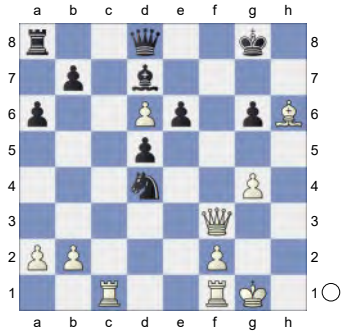
10...Nge7



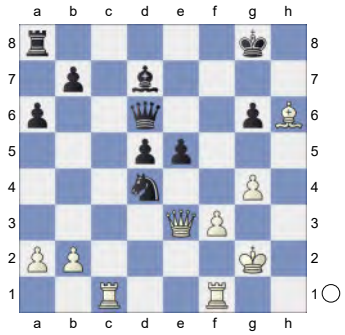
11.h5 Against Ng6 **11...h6 12.Rc1 g5** 1.04/19
[12...a6± 0.36/17]
13.hxg6± &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **13...Nxg6 14.Bxg6→** White attacks with force. **14...fxg6 15.Nb5 a6** 1.59/21
[Black should play 15...Rg8 0.98/18]



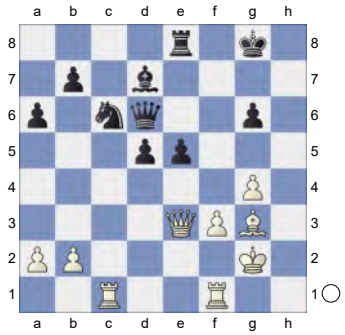
16.Nd6+ 1.26/22
[White should try 16.Qd3! 1.59/21 Kf7 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.exd6]
16...Bxd6 17.exd6 0-0 18.Bxh6 Rf5 19.g4 Rxf3 20.Qxf3 And now Kg2 would win. **20...Nd4?** 3.60/22
[20...Qh4± 1.37/19]



21.Qe3 e5 22.Kg2 Qf6 23.f3 f4 is the strong threat. **23...Qxd6**

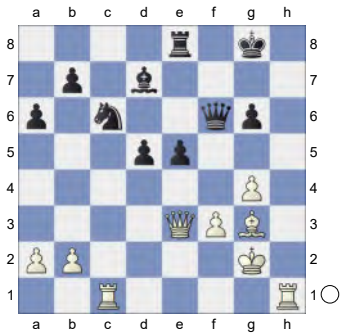


24.Bf4! Nc6
[24...Nf5 25.gxf5]
25.Bg3 Re8

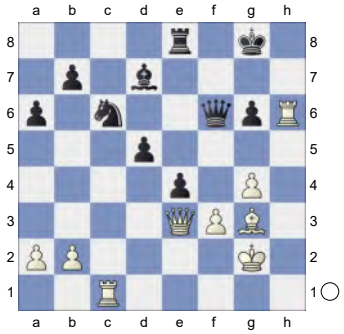


26.Rh1 0.79/21
[⌓26.Qg5 1.41/20]
26...Qf6 1.72/21
[26...Nd8± 0.79/21]

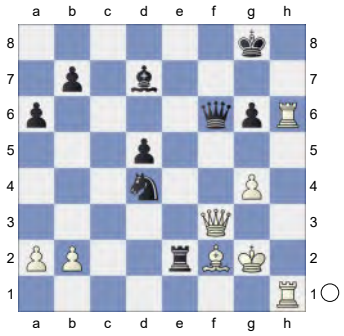
(Diagram)



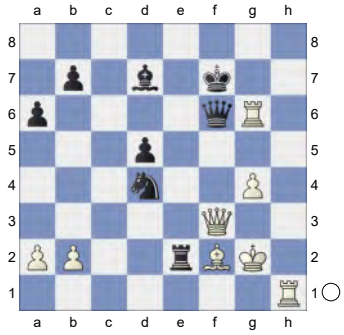
27.Rh6!+- e4



28.Rch1! Black must now prevent Rh8+!
28...exf3+
[28...Qxb2+ 29.Bf2 Re7 30.fxe4 *(30.Rxg6+ Rg7+-)* 30...dxe4 31.Qf4+-]
29.Qxf3 The board is on fire. **29...Nd4?** #4/10
[29...Qxf3++- 1.89/22 30.Kxf3 Nd4+ 31.Kg2 Re2+ 32.Bf2 Bc6]
30.Bf2?? -#4/10 **Re2??** #3/10
[30...Qxf3+ -#4/10 avoids the disaster. 31.Kg1 Qxg4+ 32.Bg3 Qxg3+ 33.Kf1 Rf8#]



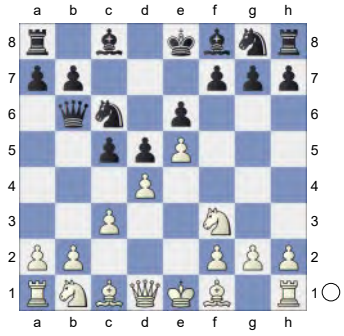
31.Rxg6+?? -7.03/23 **Kf7??** #2/6
[31...Qxg6-+ -7.03/23 32.Qxd5+ Re6 33.Rh8+ Kxh8 34.Bxd4+ Kg8]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.59/ Black=0.68
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176 **C02**
□ **Boer,A** **2091**
■ **Maatman,Nick** **2348**
58. Groningen Open 2022 (1.8) 21.12.22
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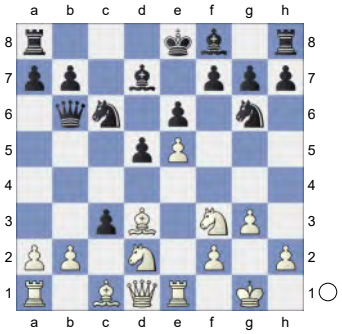
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6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Nbd2 Nge7 9.Re1 The position is equal. **9...Ng6 10.g3**
[10.Nb3 dxc3 11.bxc3 Be7 12.Rb1 a6 13.Qe2 0-0 14.h4 Rfc8 15.h5 Nf8 16.Nh2 f6 17.Be3 Qc7 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Nc5 Nd8 20.h6 Be8 21.Ng4

Bxc3 22.Rec1 d4 23.hxg7 Qxg7 24.Bh6 Qf7 Mrudul,D (2059)-Sherali, P (1478) Jamshedpur 2023 1-0]

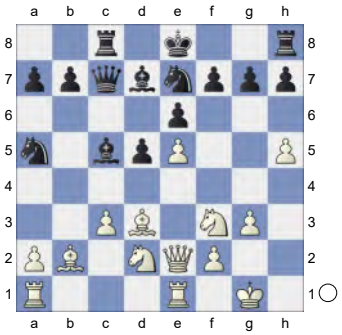
10...dxc3



11.bxc3 Qc7 12.Qe2 Na5N

[12...Be7 13.h4 *(13.Nb3 a6 14.Nbd4 Na5 15.h4 h6 16.Bxg6 fxg6 17.Qc2 Kf7 18.Ne2 Rac8 19.Nf4 Qxc3 20.Qxg6+ Kg8 21.Bd2 Qa3 22.Nd4 Nc4 23.Nh5 Rh7 24.Bxh6 Rf8 25.Bxg7 Be8 26.Qxe6+* 1-0 (26) Paichadze,L (2527)-Omidi,A (2321) Bikaner 2022*)* 13...f6 14.Bxg6+ hxg6 15.c4 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Qxe5 17.Qxe5 fxe5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.Rxe5 Kf7 20.Rb1 Bc6 21.Nf3 Rhe8 22.Be3 a6 23.Ng5+ Kg8 24.Rd1 Bf6 25.Rxe8+ Rxe8 26.Nf3 Bd7 27.Kg2 Adarsh,T (2361)-Fitzsimons,D (2368) Budapest 2022 ½-½ (56)]

13.Bb2 Rc8 14.h4 Bc5 15.h5 Ne7



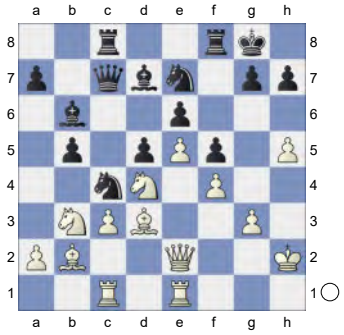
16.Nd4 0-0 -0.13/19

[16...h6∓ -0.45/19]

17.Rac1 -0.53/18

[17.h6!= -0.13/19]

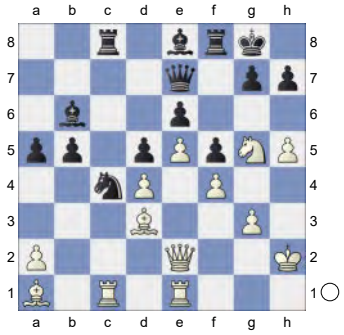
17...f5 18.f4 b5 19.Kh2 Nc4 20.N2b3 Bb6



21.Ba1 a5 22.Nf3 Nc6 23.Nbd4 Nxd4 24.cxd4 Be8 25.Ng5 -1.74/19

[25.h6∓ -1.36/18]

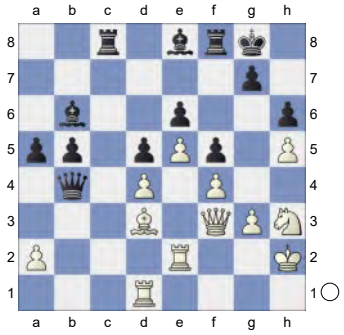
25...Qe7-+



26.Qf3? -3.30/19

[26.Rg1 -1.62/18]

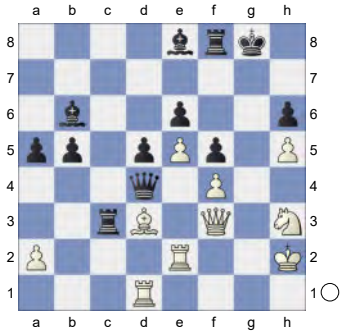
26...h6 27.Nh3 Qa3 28.Rcd1 Prevents Nd2. **28...Nb2 29.Bxb2 Qxb2+ 30.Re2 Qb4**



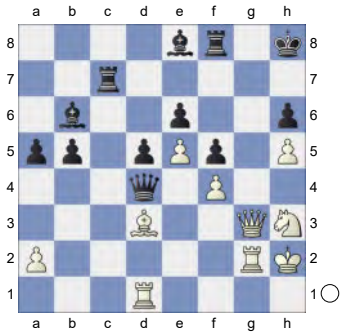
31.g4 Rc3

[Stronger than 31...Bxd4 32.gxf5 exf5 33.Bxf5 Rxf5 34.Qxd5+ Bf7 35.Qxd4∓]

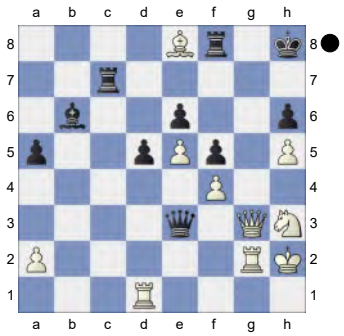
32.g5 Qxd4 33.gxh6 gxh6



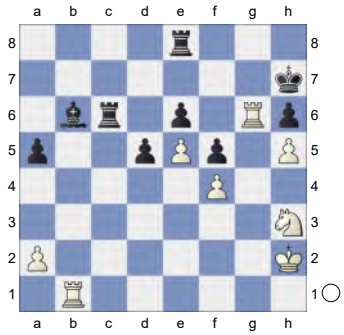
Threatens to win with ...Kh8. The board is on fire. **34.Rg2+ Kh8 35.Qg3 Rc7**



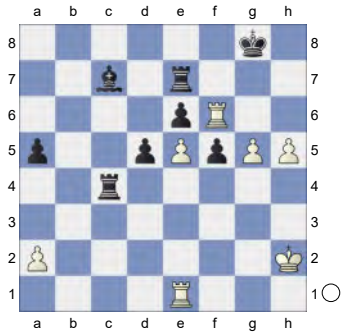
Inhibits Qg7+. **36.Bxb5?** -4.75/24
[36.Rc1 -1.96/20 Bc5 37.Be2]
36...Qe3? -1.17/25
[Resist 36...Bxb5 37.Rxd4 Bxd4 38.Qg6+-]
[36...Qxd1-+ -4.75/24 has better winning chances. 37.Bxe8 Qg4]
37.Bxe8∓



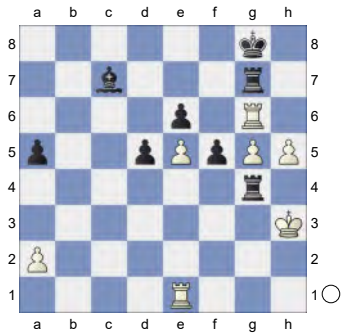
Qg6 is the strong threat. **37...Qxg3+**
[37...Rxe8 leads to mate. 38.Qg6]
38.Rxg3 Strongly threatening Ba4.
38...Rxe8 39.Rg6 -1.44/21
[⌓39.Rb1 -0.94/22 Rc2+ 40.Rg2]
39...Kh7 -1.13/23
[⌓39...Rc2+ -1.44/21 40.Kh1 Kh7]
40.Rb1 Rc6 -0.96/20
[⌓40...Bc5 -1.27/20 41.Rc1 Ree7]



41.Ng5+? -5.62/22 Loses the game.
41...hxg5-+ Black is clearly winning.
42.fxg5 Re7 43.Rh6+ Kg8 And now ... Rg7 would win. **44.Rf6 Bc7 45.Re1 Rc4**



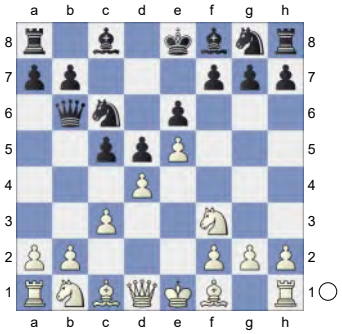
46.Kh3 Rg4 47.Rg6+ Rg7



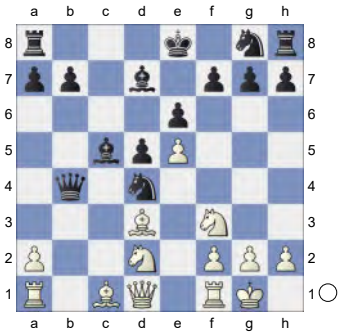
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0-1

177 **C02**
□ **Csom,Etelka** **2504**
■ **Ivanov,D** **2369**
c) 6...b6 2010
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C02: French: Advance Variation
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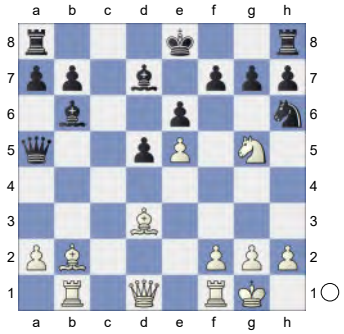


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.b4 Qxb4

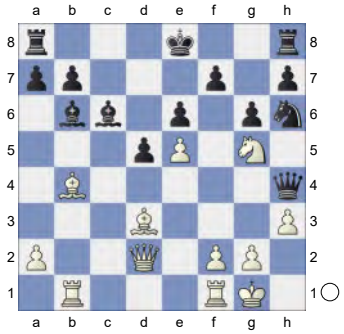


11.Nxd4
[11.Rb1]
11...Bxd4 The position is equal. **12.Rb1 Qc3 13.Nf3 Bb6 14.Bb2N**
[14.Qe2 -0.64/19 14.Rb3 -0.32 h6 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Rb4 Ne7 17.Rg4 g6 18.Rc1 Nc6 19.Rh4 0-0-0 20.Bb4 Be8 21.Qb2 Kb8 22.Bd6 7.2) French Defense - Model G-M. Pap - N. Pushkov,B]
[14.Rb3 Qc7 15.Qd2 Ne7 16.Qg5 22) French Defense: The 'Smer-French Smerden Mbg Mainlines]

14...Qa5 15.Ng5 Nh6



16.Qe2 Qa4
[Not 16...Qxa2 17.Ra1 Qb3 18.Rfb1∓]
17.Bc3 Qg4 18.Qd2 Bc6 0.01/21
[18...Qh5∓ -0.33/19]
19.h3=
[19.Be2]
19...Qh4 0.29/19
[⌓19...Qh5 -0.08/20]
20.Bb4 White has compensation.
[Don't play 20.Nf3 Qh5∓]
[20.a4!?]
20...g6? 2.08/22
[20...Rc8 0.34/19 20...Nf5 -0.01 21.Ba3]
[20...Nf5= -0.01/20 and Black is okay.]



21.Nf3+- Qh5 22.Qf4 0.21/22
[22.a4 1.36/21 22.Ba3 1.72
A) 22...Bxa4? 4.28/23 22...Bd8 1.16 23.Ba3 Bc6? 6.11/21 *(23...0-0-0 3.11/19 24.Rb4 Bc6)* 24.Rxb6+- axb6 25.Qb4;

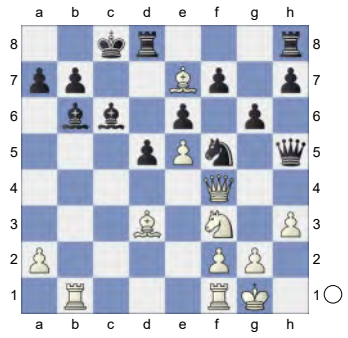
B) 22...Bd8± 1.36/21;
C) 22...Nf5 2.25/21 23.a5+- Bd8 24.a6 1.08/20 *(24.Rfc1+- 2.10/21 Bd7 25.Ba3)* 24...b6? 2.84/22 *(24...bxa6± 1.08/20* keeps fighting. *25.Bxa6 Bd7)* 25.Rfc1]
[Better is 22.a4+- 2.00/23]

22...0-0-0 1.61/23
[22...Nf5
A) 23.g4? -3.04/21 23.Bd2 0.11 Qxh3 24.gxf5 gxf5;
B) 23.Kh2 Qh6 24.Ng5 -0.92/18 *(24.Qg4!∓* -0.31/19 *)* 24...Bd8;
C) 23.Bd2! h6 0.68/20 *(23...g5=* 0.17/19 *24.Nxg5 h6)* 24.Rfc1± Rg8 1.01/22 *(24...Rc8±* 0.68/20 is more appropriate.*)* 25.Qb4± Hoping for a4. Rc8 2.01/20 *(25...d4±* 0.98/19 *)* 26.a4 1.17/20 *(26.Nh2+-* 2.01/20 Strongly threatening Ng4. *Qh4 27.Ng4)*]
[22...Nf5= 0.21/22]

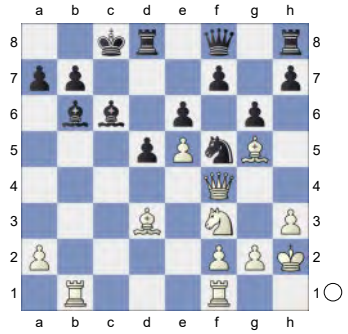
23.Be7
[23.Rfc1 And now Bd6 would win.
A) 23...g5 1.69/18 23...Kd7 1.38 24.Nxg5 Rhg8 25.Bd2 0.97/19 *(⌓25.Be7* 1.52/21 *)*;
B) 23...Kd7± 1.50/22 was worth a try.;
C) 23...Nf5 2.03/20 24.Bc5 Bxc5? 5.78/19 *(24...Qh6* 1.83/21 is a better chance. *25.Qb4 Kd7 26.Bxb6 axb6 27.Qxb6 Rc8)* 25.Rxc5+- Kd7 26.Rxc6 bxc6 27.Rb7+ Ke8 28.Bxf5 Qxf5? 6.64/24 *(28...gxf5* 3.33/26 *29.Qb4 Rd7)* 29.Qh4 g5 30.Qb4 c5 31.Qxc5 Rd7 Inhibits Qe7+. 32.Qc6]

23...Nf5
[23...Rd7 2.03/21 23...Nf5 1.40]

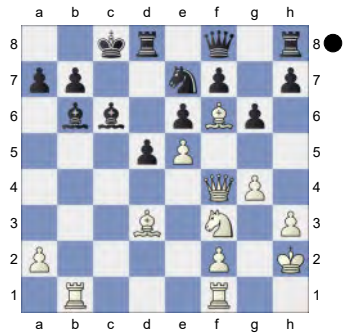
(Diagram)



24.Kh2! 0.51/21 **Qh6!±**
[Less strong is 24...Nxe7 25.g4 g5 26.Qf6±]
25.Bg5↑ White fights for an advantage.
25...Qf8

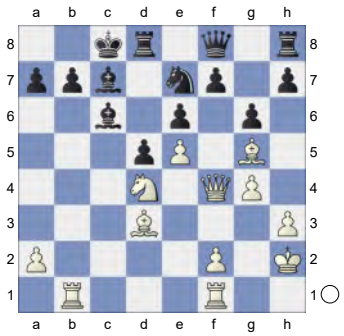


26.g4 -0.01/20
[26.Bxd8 Kxd8 27.Bxf5 gxf5 28.Nd4 Rg8 29.Rb3]
[26.Bxd8± 0.50/21 Kxd8 27.Rfc1]
26...Ne7= 27.Nd4 -0.55/18
[27.Bf6 -0.88/19 27.Bh6 0.32



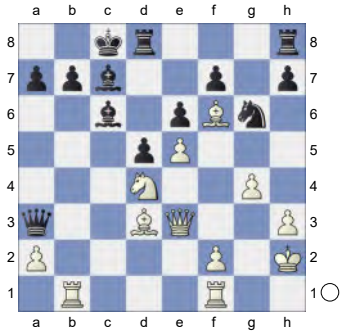
d4!]
[27.Bh6!]
[27.Bh6= 0.08/21 Qe8 28.Ng5]

27...Bc7? 6.94/24
[27...h5∓ -0.55/18]

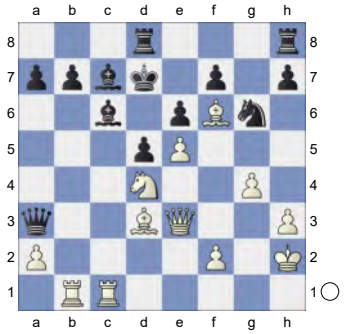


28.Bf6? 0.55/19
[28.Ba6 bxa6 *(28...f6 29.Nxc6 fxg5 30.Nxa7+ Kb8 31.Rxb7+ Ka8 32.Qe3* Nb5 would kill now. *d4 33.Nb5)* 29.Bxe7 Qxe7 *(29...f6 30.Nxc6 fxe5 31.Qg3 Qf4 32.Bxd8 Qxg3+ 33.Kxg3 Bxd8 34.Rfc1)* 30.Nxc6 Qf8 31.Rfc1]
[28.Ba6!+- 6.94/24 f6 29.Nxc6]
28...g5 1.11/18
[28...Bb6]
[28...Bd7 1.25/21 28...Bb6 0.50]
[28...Bb6± 0.55/19]
29.Qxg5± 0x0.0024b1abe677dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **29...Ng6** 3.79/21
[29...h6 1.65/18 30.Qc1 Bb6]
30.Qe3+-
[30.Ba6 1.94/18 30.Qe3 3.79 Nxe5? 5.55/20 *(30...Qa3* 1.94/18 *)* 31.Bxe5+- f6 32.Qc1 *(32.Bxb7+ Bxb7 33.Rfc1 Rd7 34.Bxc7 fxg5 35.Bd6+! Kd8 36.Nxe6+ Ke8 37.Bxf8)* 32...fxe5 33.Nxc6 Qd6 34.Nxa7+ *(34.Ne7+?* 0.01/22 34.Nxa7+ 6.98 *Kd7)* 34...Kd7 *(34...Kb8 35.Rxb7+ Ka8 36.Nb5)* 35.Nb5]
30...Qa3? 5.08/19
[30...Kd7 2.62/18 was called for. 31.Rfc1 Rb8]

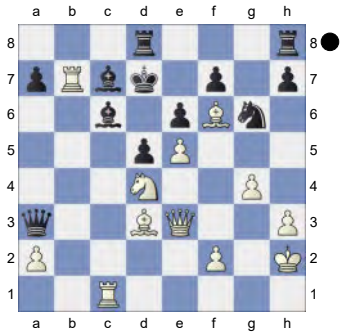
(Diagram)



31.Rfc1 Kd7



32.Rxb7!!



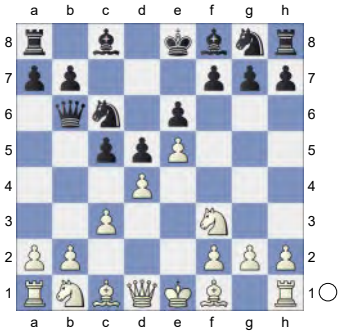
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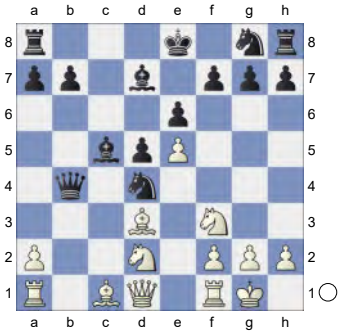
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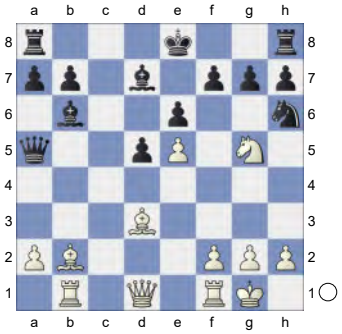
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



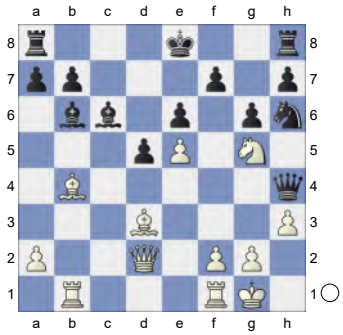
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Bc5 10.b4 Qxb4



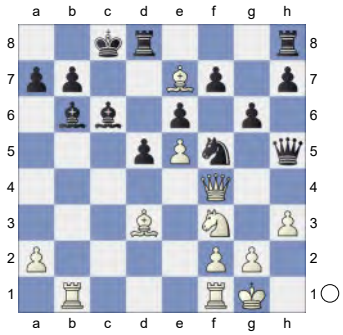
11.Nxd4 Bxd4 The position is equal.
12.Rb1 Qc3 13.Nf3 Rb3 is the strong threat. **13...Bb6 14.Bb2N**
[14.Rb3 Qc7 15.Qd2 7) French Defense-French Defense #8]
14...Qa5 15.Ng5 Nh6



16.Qe2 Qa4
[16...Qxa2?! 17.Ra1 Qb3 18.Rfb1∓]
17.Bc3! Qg4 -0.09/20
[17...Rc8∓ -0.41/19 18.Rb4 Qa3]
18.Qd2= Bc6 0.07/20
[18...Rc8 -0.28/18 should be considered. 19.h3 Qh5]
19.h3 Qh4 20.Bb4
[Much worse is 20.Nf3 Qh5∓]
20...g6 1.53/22
[20...Ng8= 0.08/19 remains equal.]

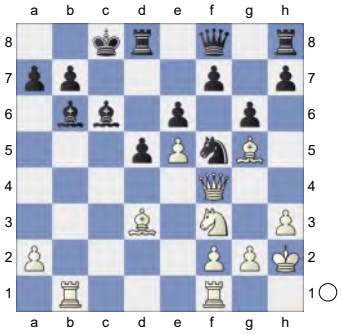


21.Nf3± White has strong compensation.
21...Qh5 22.Qf4 0.01/20
[22.a4± 1.55/20]
22...0-0-0 1.15/20
[22...Nf5= 0.01/20 keeps the balance.]
23.Be7 0.76/21
[⌓23.Rfc1 1.15/20]
23...Nf5

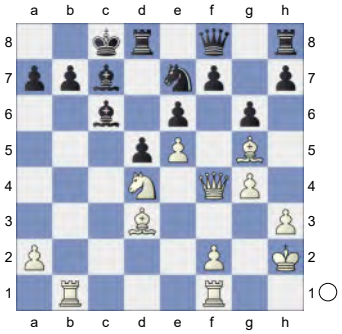


24.Kh2 0.29/20 **Qh6!=**
[Weaker is 24...Nxe7 25.g4 g5 26.Qf6±]
25.Bg5↑ White has the initiative.
25...Qf8

(Diagram)

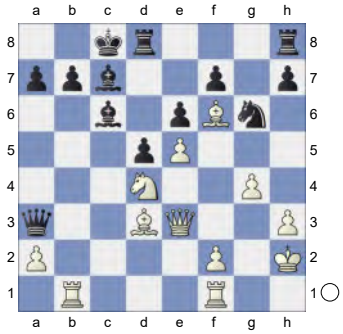


26.g4 -0.33/20
[Better is 26.Bxd8± 0.44/18 Kxd8 27.Rfc1]
26...Ne7!∓ 27.Nd4 Bc7? 3.81/20
[27...h5!∓ -0.35/18 stays ahead.]

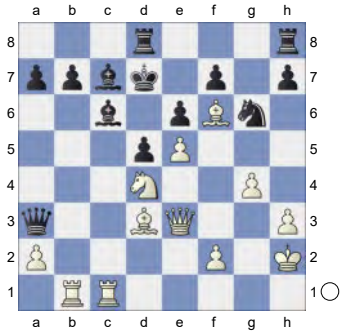


28.Bf6? 0.43/19
[White must play 28.Ba6!+- 3.81/20 f6 *(28...Kd7 29.Bxb7)* 29.Nxc6]
28...g5 1.19/19
[28...Bb6!± 0.43/19]
29.Qxg5± &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed.
29...Ng6 3.31/19
[29...Re8± 1.23/17 is a better defense.]
30.Qe3+-
[Less strong is 30.Bxh8 Qxh8 31.Nxc6 bxc6±]
30...Qa3? 5.35/20
[30...Kd7 2.61/19 31.Rfc1 Rb8]

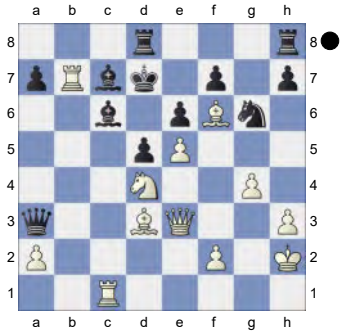
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31.Rfc1 Kd7



32.Rxb7!!

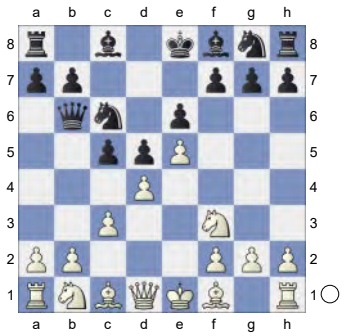


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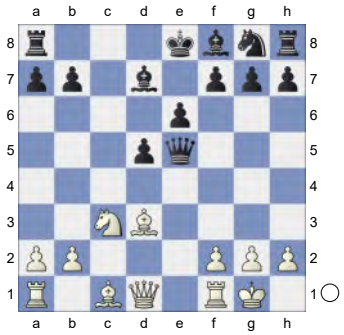
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1.e4 Finkel,A Finkel,A Finkel,A Finkel,

A: 'Finkel,Alexander Finkel,Alexander: 'Finkel,A '' **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6**



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qxe5

[10...a6 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Rd1 *(12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Nxd3 15.Rxd3∓ Qb6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.f5∓ d4?!)*]



11.Re1 Qb8 12.Nxd5 Bd6 13.Qg4 Kf8 14.Bd2 h5 15.Qh3 exd5N

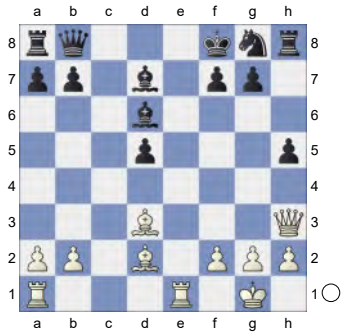
[15...Bc6 16.Ne3∓ *(16.Nb4 Nf6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bc3 Ng4 19.g3 Qb6 20.Re2 Rd8 21.Be4 Nf6 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Rc2 Qd4 24.Bxc6 h4 25.g4 Rg8 26.Bf3 f5 27.Qxh4 Bf4 28.Rc4 Qxc4 29.Qxd8+ Kg7 30.Qa5 fxg4* Muntean,V-Francoise,A Biel 1974 ZUS C73 [John Watson] ½-½ (39) *)* Of course not 16...Nf6?

A) 17.Rad1∓ -0.31/17 is superior.;

B) 17.Nc4 Bc7 18.Bc3 Nd5 19.Ne5 Nxc3 20.Nxf7 Bxh2+ *(20...Kxf7 21.Qxe6+ Kf8 22.Qf5+ Kg8 23.Bc4+ Bd5 24.Bxd5+ Nxd5 25.Qxd5+ Kh7 26.Qf5+* Chess Informant Eco Survey 2006*)* 21.Kh1 Ne4 22.Bxe4 Kxf7 23.Bxc6 Rh6 24.Bd7 Be5 25.f4 Bxf4 26.Bxe6+ Kf8 27.Rad1 1-0 (27) Salnikov,V-Prudnikova,S (2265) USSR 55/(271) 1991 Cl1-130 [Kuznetsov,I];

C) 17.Bc3 -0.77/17]

[15...Nh6 -0.09/19 15...Bc6 -0.51 16.Ne3! Kg8 17.Bc3∓ with good winning chanses. *(17.g3)* 17...Ng4 0.46/21 *(17...Bc6=* 0.01/19 should be considered.*)* 18.Nxg4± More chanses to win the game would leave 18...hxg4!? 19.Qxg4 Bxh2+ 20.Kf1 Qf8]



16.Qxd7 Missing very promising possibility to fight for the advantage. **16...Bxh2+=** Now the position is balanced and we can say that black has successfully solved opening problems. **17.Kh1 Nf6** Black is slightly better. **18.Qf5**

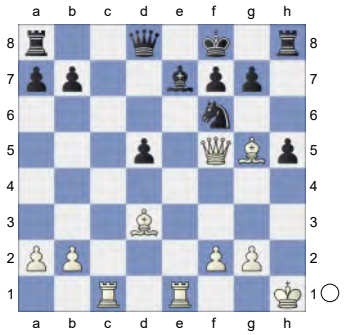
[18.Qe7+ Kg8 19.g3 -1.54/21 *(19.Rac1∓* -0.68/20 *)*

A) 19...h4!∓ -1.54/21 20.Bg6 *(20.g4 Nxg4)* 20...fxg6 21.Qe6+ Kh7 22.Kxh2 hxg3+ 23.Kg2 Nh5;

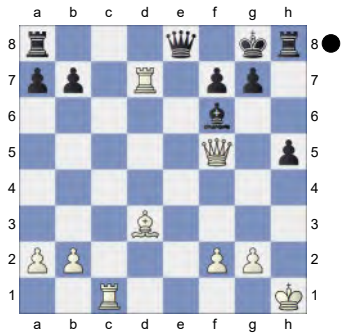
B) 19...Ng4? 1.36/20]

18...Bd6 19.Rac1 Against Qc8 **19...Qd8! 20.Bg5!?** A strong pair of

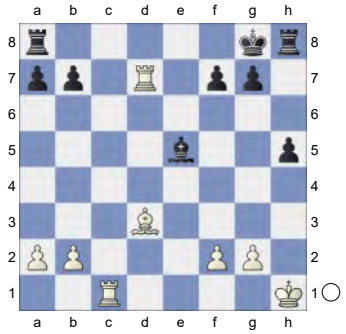
Bishops. **20...Be7** 0.60/20
[20...Qd7! 21.Bxf6 Qxf5 22.Bxf5 aiming for Bc3. gxf6 23.Red1!=]
[20...Qd7= -0.18/22]



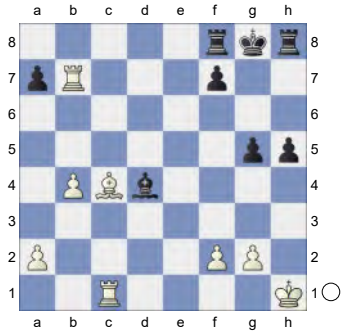
21.Re5?± Strongly threatening Rce1. Painfull blunder after which white has to work very hard to make a draw.After natural **21...Kg8** **22.Bxf6** Remove Defender
[22.Rce1 Bf8 23.Bxf6 0.29/21 *(23.Re8* -0.62/19 23.R1e3 0.64 *Qxe8 24.Rxe8* Doesn't work an attempt to decide the game with scrifice of g-pawn: *24...Rxe8 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Qxd5;* *23.R1e3±* 0.62/20 *)* 23...Qxf6= 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Rxd5]
22...Bxf6∓ Simple double blow probably missed by white. **23.Rxd5** &Bianco is much more active. The black rooks are badly placed. **23...Qe8** **24.Rd7** -0.33/21
[24.Rd7 -0.01/23 24.Rc7 0.83
A) 24...Rd8 0.80/22 24...g6 0.01 25.Rxd8 0.18/23 *(25.Rxb7±* 0.80/22 Bc4 is the strong threat. *Qe5 26.Qxe5 Bxe5 27.Rd7)* 25...Bxd8= 26.Qd7? -15.18/18 *(26.Qd5=* 0.15/20 *g5 27.Qxb7)*;
B) 24...g6!= -0.01/23 25.Qh3 Rb8;
C) 24...Bxb2? 10.91/21 25.Bc4+- g6 26.Qxg6+]
[24.Bb5± 0.78/22 Qe6 25.Rc7]



24...Qe5 0.94/19
[24...g6!∓ -0.33/21 stays ahead. 25.Qh3 *(25.Qd5 Rd8∓)* 25...Kg7]
25.Qxe5!?± The best chanse. **25...Bxe5**

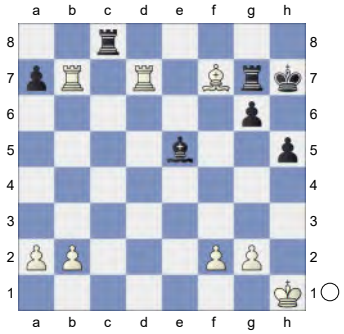


26.Rxb7
[26.Bc4 Rf8? 2.74/21 *(26...Kh7±* 0.71/19 *)* 27.Rxb7? 0.52/20 (White must play *27.Bxf7+!+-* 2.74/21 *Rxf7 28.Rc8+ Rf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Rd8+ Kf7 31.Rxh8)* 27...g5 1.36/20 *(27...Rh6±* 0.52/20 *)* 28.b4 Bd4

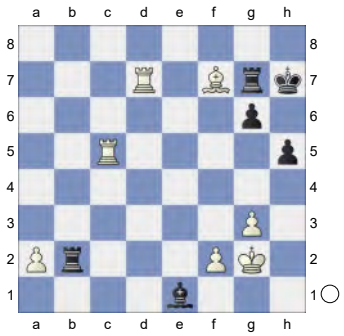


29.f3 0.81/17 *(⌓29.Rd1!* 1.17/19 *Bxf2 30.Rf1)*]
26...g6?! **27.Bc4** **Rh7** **28.Rd1** **Rg7** 1.31/20 Winning a pawn,but white easily

holds this position.
[⌓28...Rc8 0.87/22 29.b3 Rc7]
29.Rdd7 Kh7 30.Bxf7 Hoping for f4!
30...Rc8

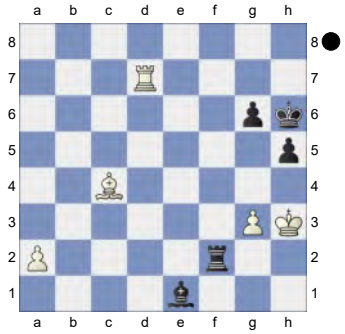


(-> ...Rc1+) **31.g3 Rc2 32.Kg2**
[Much weaker is 32.Rxa7?! Rxf2 33.b4 Kh6=]
32...a5
[32...Rxb2 33.Rxa7 Bc3 34.a4]
33.Ra7 Rxb2 1.36/22
[⌓33...Kh6 1.04/22]
34.Rxa5 Bc3
[34...Bd4 1.89/24 34...Bc3 1.24 35.Bxg6+!]
35.Rc5 -0.01/26
[35.Ra6 0.87/21 35.Ra3 1.29 Kh6 36.a4 Be1 1.66/24 *(36...Bd4!±* 0.65/24 *)* 37.Rf6]
[White should play 35.Ra3± 1.29/23 Bb4 36.Ra6]
35...Be1=



The position is equal. **36.Rcc7 Rxf2+ 37.Kh3 Kh6 38.Bc4 Rxd7 39.Rxd7!**

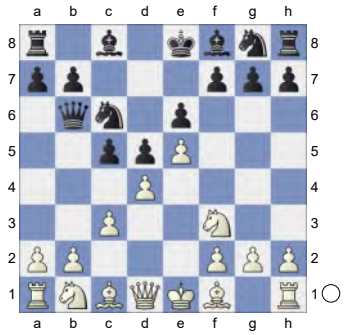
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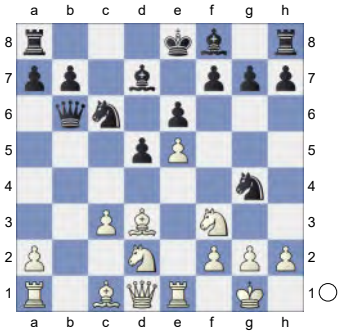
180 **C02**
□ **Skrzyczek,Tomasz** **1909**
■ **Sieciechowicz,Marcin** **2383**
Adolf Anderssen Mem 2022 (4.9) 30.7.22
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

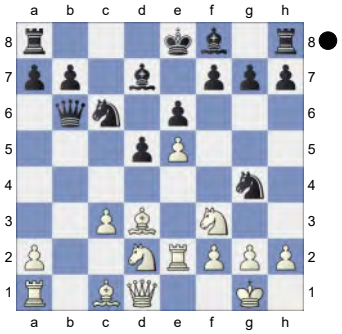


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Nh6 9.Nbd2 -0.56/19
[9.h3= 0.05/17]
9...dxc3∓ 10.bxc3 Ng4!

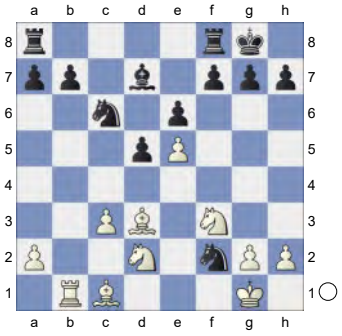
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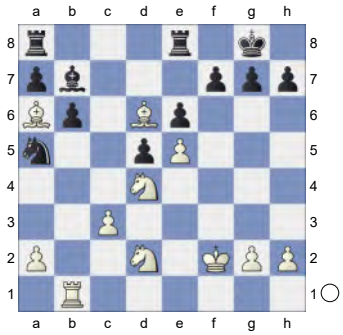
11.Re2



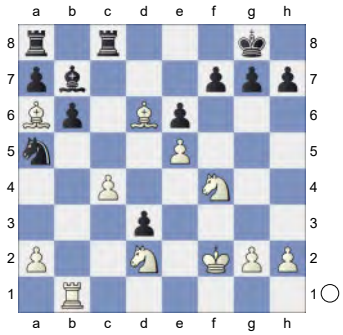
Bc5 0.27/19 &Nero is more active.
[11...Qc7!∓ -0.73/19 12.Bb5 Ncxe5 13.Bxd7+ Nxd7]
12.Qe1= 0-0N
[12...Nxf2 13.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 14.Qxf2 Qxf2+ 15.Kxf2 f6 16.exf6 gxf6 17.Ba3 e5 18.c4 d4 19.Ne4 Kf7 20.Nh4 b6 21.Rf1 Kg7 22.Ke1 Rhf8 23.Bxf8+ Rxf8 24.Nd6 Ne7 25.Nhf5+ Nxf5 26.Nxf5+ Bxf5 27.Bxf5 Borger,D (1829)-Abraham,M Hebraica 2022 1-0 (54)]
13.Rb1 Bxf2+ 0.53/22
[13...Qd8= 0.14/19]
14.Rxf2± Qxf2+ 15.Qxf2 Nxf2



16.Kxf2 b6 17.Ba3 White has compensation. **17...Rfe8 18.Bd6 Na5 19.Ba6** Prevents Nb7. **19...Bc6** 1.13/21
[Black should try 19...Red8 0.79/22]
20.Nd4 Bb7

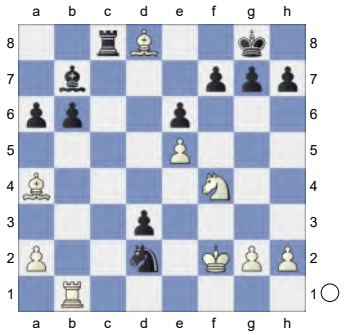


21.Bb5 A strong pair of Bishops.
21...Rec8 22.Ne2 d4 1.25/22
[22...Bc6± 0.41/20]
23.c4
[23.Nxd4?! Rxc3 24.h3 Rac8=]
23...d3 24.Nf4 Bc6 1.51/21
[Black should play 24...Rd8 1.09/22]
25.Ba6 1.16/21
[25.Nxd3?! Bxb5 26.cxb5 Rc2=]
[⌓25.c5 1.51/21]
25...Bb7±

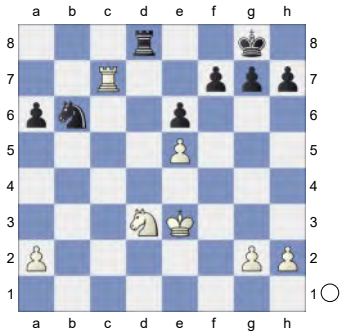


26.Bb5 0.01/21
[26.Bxb7± 1.17/25 Nxb7 27.Nxd3]
26...a6 0.60/21
[26...Bc6!= 0.01/21]
27.Bd7 1.24/21
[27.Ba4± 0.60/21]
27...Rd8 28.Ba4 Rac8 29.Be7? -0.89/24
[Of course not 29.Nxd3?! Nxc4

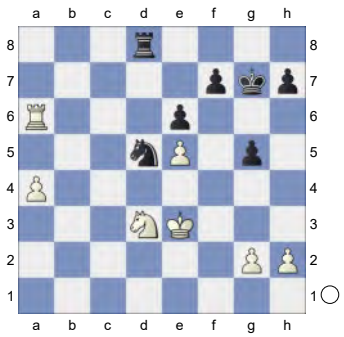
30.Nxc4 Rxc4=]
[29.Rb4± 1.29/21]
29...Nxc4∓
[Don't play 29...Rd4 30.Ke3 Rxf4 31.Kxf4 Nxc4 32.Nf3± *(32.Bd7 Nxd2 33.Bxc8 Nxb1∓)*]
30.Bxd8 Nxd2



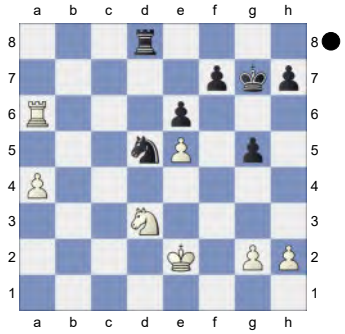
31.Rxb6 Ne4+ 32.Ke3 Rxd8 33.Rxb7 Nc5 34.Rc7 Nxa4 35.Nxd3 Endgame KRN-KRN **35...Nb6**



aiming for ...Nd5+. **36.Ra7 Nd5+ 37.Kf2 Nc3 38.Rxa6 g5 39.Ke3 Kg7** -0.35/20
[39...Nd5+∓ -0.77/22 40.Ke2 Kg7]
40.a4!∓ Nd5+



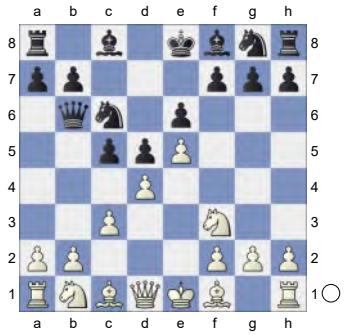
41.Ke2 -0.98/22
[Better is 41.Kd2!∓ -0.38/23]



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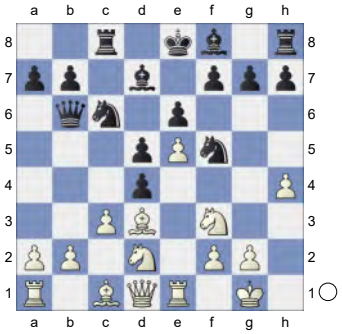
181 **C02**
□ **Mrudul,Dehankar** **2059**
■ **Natura,Bethi** **1530**
IND-ch U19 Girls (2) 21.09.2023
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



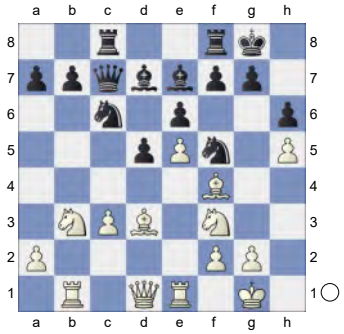
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! outshines the older 7.cxd4. erfolgreicher als das alte 7.cxd4. **7...Bd7 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4** The position is equal. **9...Rc8 10.Nbd2 Nf5**
[10...dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Nb3 Nec6 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.cxd4 Be7 16.Bg5 Ba3 17.h5 h6 18.Bf4 a6 19.Kh2 b5 20.Nh4 Qc3

21.Bf1 Qc2 22.Qg4 Kf8 23.Qf3 Rc3 24.Be3 Ke8 25.Qg4 Luehrig,W (2670)-5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cd4 (2559) Monte Carlo 2020 200 Traps In The Opening [Rabinovich,A] 1-0 (100)]

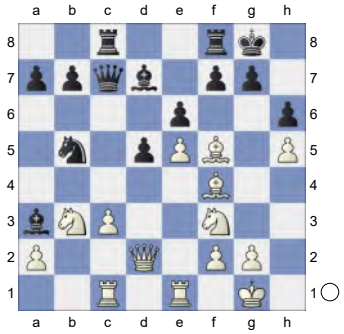


11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Be7 13.h5N
[But not 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Rb1 Qa6∓]
[13.Rb1 Qd8 14.h5 b6 15.Bc2 g6 16.Nh2 0-0 17.Ng4 Kh8 18.Qf3 Rg8 19.Qh3 Qf8 20.Nh6 Rg7 21.Kh1 f6 22.hxg6 Nxe5 23.Nxf5 exf5 24.Bh6 hxg6 25.Kg1 Qf7 26.Bxg7+ Kxg7 27.Nd4 Bd6 Yaniv,Y (2366)-Gorodetzky,D (2492) Israel ISR 2023 [John Watson] 0-1 (72)]
13...h6 14.Rb1 Qc7 15.Bf4 0-0N
[Vorgänger: 15...Qd8 16.Qd2 b6 17.Rbc1 0-0 18.g4 -0.53/21 *(18.Bb1=* -0.06/19 *is more appropriate.)* 18...Nh4∓ 19.Nxh4 Bxh4 20.Bxh6 -1.68/19 *(20.Ba6∓* -1.15/18 *)* 20...f5 -0.69/19 *(Black should play 20...Qe7-+* -1.68/19 *21.Nd4 gxh6 22.Qxh6 f6)* 21.gxf5∓ gxh6 0-1 Yuan,Q (2373)-Levitsky,A (2320) Titled Tuesday intern op 03rd May Early blitz 2022 (2)]

(Diagram)

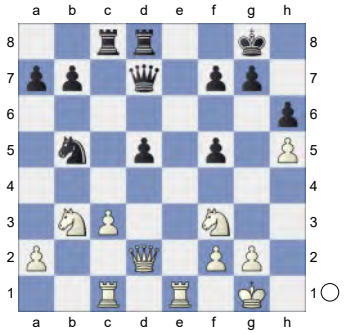


16.Qd2 Threatens to win with Bxf5.
16...Na5? 1.77/21 A mistake that costs the game.
[16...Qd8= 0.20/20]
17.Bxf5+- Hoping for Nxa5. **17...Nc4**
18.Qd4 Na3
[18...exf5? 19.e6 Qd8 20.exd7 Qxd7 21.Qxa7+-]
19.Rbc1 Nb5 2.46/22
[19...exf5? 20.e6 Bd6 21.exd7 Qxd7 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Nh4+-]
[⌓19...b6 1.69/17 20.Bd3 Bb5 21.Bxb5 Nxb5]
20.Qd2 Black must now prevent Bd3.
20...Ba3? 4.04/18
[20...exf5? 21.e6 Bd6 22.exd7 Qxd7 23.Qxd5+-]
[20...Na3 2.19/20 21.Nbd4 Nc4]

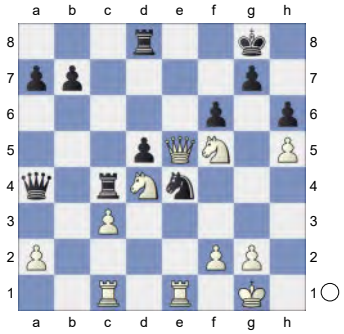


21.Rc2 2.16/19 **exf5** 3.25/21
[⌓21...Be7 2.16/19 22.Bd3 Na3]
22.e6! Bd6 23.Bxd6 Qxd6 24.exd7 Qxd7 25.Rcc1 Rfd8

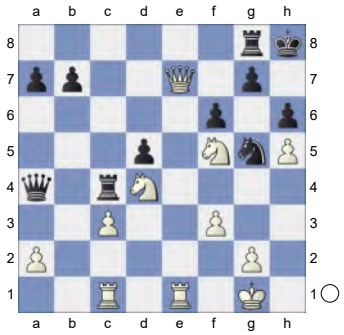
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26.Nbd4 Ne5 is the strong threat.
26...Nd6 27.Qf4 Qa4 28.Nh4 Rc4
29.Qe5 Ne4? 7.60/23
[29...Qd7 3.76/21 30.Qxd5 Qc8]
30.Nhxf5 f6

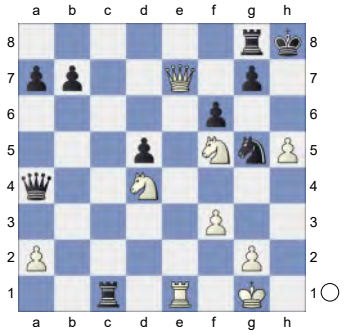


31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.f3 Ng5 33.Qe7 Rg8

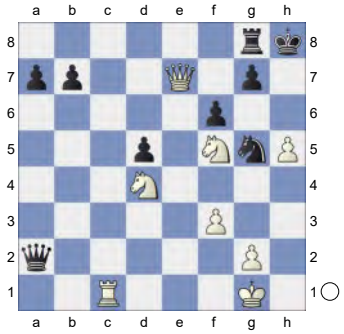


34.Nxh6! Rxc3
[34...Rgc8 35.Nf7+]
35.Nhf5 Rxc1

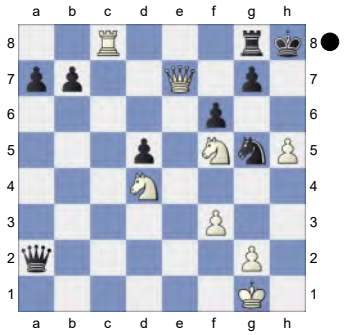
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36.Rxc1 Qxa2



37.Rc8!!

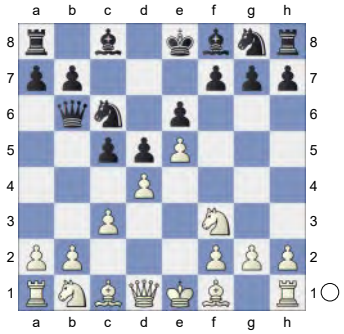


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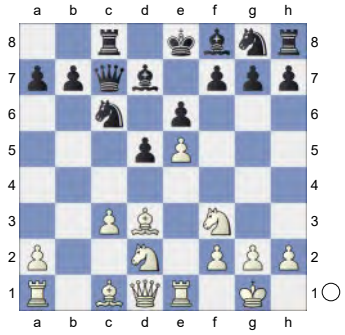
182 **C02**
□ **Shepley,Julien M** **1857**
■ **Carter,Toby** **1891**
Berks & Bucks op (3) 28.08.2022
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6

5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0! now scores much better than the old 7.cxd4. punktet besser als das ältere 7.cxd4.
7...Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 The position is equal. **9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Qc7N**
[10...Na5 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 *(12.Ng5 g6 13.Qf3 Bc6 14.Qh3 Nh6 15.Ndf3 Bd7 16.Re3 Qxc3 17.Bd2 Qc7 18.Nd4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 Qxc4 20.Bc3 Nf5 21.Nxf5 gxf5 22.Qh5 d4 23.Qxf7+ Kd8 24.Rxb7 Rc7 25.Rb8+* 1-0 (25) Klein,D (2068)-6.g4 h6 7.♗g2 ♘c6 (2106) Jugoslavija (ch) 84/429 2023 Steinitz/Blackburne [John Watson]*; 12.Qe2 a6 13.h4 h6 14.h5 Bc5 15.Nd4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Qg4 Bf8 18.Ba3 Qa5 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Qf4 Rc7 21.c4 Ne7 22.Qe3 b5 23.Nb3 Qa3 24.Qb6 Rb7 25.Qd8+ Be8 26.Qa8 dxc4* Nizamova,R (1755)-Buchholz,M (1858) Hannover 2023 ½-½ (57) *)*
12...dxc4 13.Bc2 Ne7 14.Ng5 *(14.Ne4 Ng6 15.Nd6+ Bxd6 16.exd6 Qd8 17.Ng5 Rc5 18.Ne4 Rf5 19.g4 Rd5 20.Nf6+ gxf6 21.Qxd5 Ne5 22.Rxe5 fxe5 23.Qxe5 Rg8 24.Bxh7 Qh4 25.Bxg8 Qxg4+ 26.Kf1 Qd1+ 27.Kg2 Qg4+ 28.Kf1 Qd1+* Cheparinov,I (2663)-Svane,F (2618) Baku AZE 2023 [John Watson] ½-½ *)* 14...h6 15.Nde4 Nd5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Bxg6 Bxe5 19.Nxf7 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.Nxh8+ Ke7 22.Qxh6 Rg8 23.Bg5 Theory-8...Rc8 and Rare Lines [GM Petar G. Arnaudov]]
[10...Nge7 11.Rb1 Qc7 12.c4 Ng6 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Ng5 Nd8 15.e6 Nxe6 16.Qh5 Ngf4 17.Qxf7+ Kd8 18.Ndf3 Nxd3 19.Nxe6+ Bxe6 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Qxe6 Nxe1 22.Qxd5+ Qd7 23.Bxe7+ Ke8 24.Qh5+ g6 25.Qe5 Merario Alarcon, A (2401)-Marin,M (2456) San Vicente del Raspeig 2024 [John Watson] ½-½ (32)]



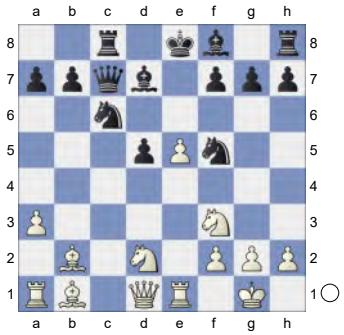
11.c4 White has compensation. **11...Nb4 12.Bb1N** -0.43/19
[Predecessor: 12.Bf1 Ne7 13.a3 Nbc6 14.Bb2 d4 0.89/19 *(14...Qd8± 0.36/17)* 15.Nxd4 0.20/19 *(*Better is *15.Ne4± 0.89/19 Ng6 16.c5)* 15...Nxd4= 16.Bxd4 Nf5 17.Bb2 -0.19/19 *(⌓17.Bc3 0.15/19)* 17...Bc6= 18.Bd3 0-1 (26) Serikbay,A (2263)-Zhukova,N (2335) Warsaw 2021]
[White should try 12.Bf1± 0.42/19]
12...Ne7 -0.04/18
[12...dxc4∓ -0.43/19 feels stronger. 13.a3 Nd5]
13.Bb2 Nf5? 1.27/20
[13...dxc4= -0.27/18 14.Ne4 Ng6]
14.a3 0.43/18

[14.cxd5± 1.27/20 And now Bxf5 would win. Nc2 15.d6]

14...Nc6? 2.86/19

[14...dxc4± 0.43/18 15.axb4 c3]

15.cxd5 exd5



16.Nb3? 0.24/18

[16.e6+- 3.76/19 Kd8 17.Bxf5 fxe6 18.Ng5!]

16...Be6 1.05/21

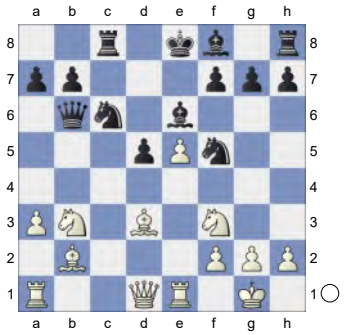
[16...Be7!= 0.24/18 remains equal.]

17.Bd3 0.20/21

[17.Bxf5± 1.05/21 Bxf5 18.e6 fxe6 19.Nbd4 *(19.Qxd5 Be7∓)* 19...Nxd4 20.Nxd4]

17...Qb6 0.89/19

[17...Be7= 0.20/21]

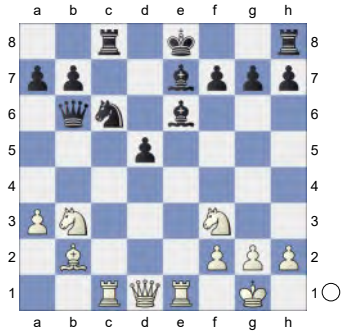


18.Rc1 -0.25/20

[White should play 18.Ng5!± 0.89/19]

18...Be7!= 19.Bxf5 Bxf5 20.e6 Threatens to win with exf7+. **20...Bxe6** 0.91/19

[20...0-0!∓ -0.37/20 keeps the upper hand. 21.Bd4 *(21.exf7+ Rxf7 22.Qxd5 Rd8∓)* 21...Qd8 22.exf7+ Rxf7]



21.Bxg7±

[Worse is 21.Bd4 Nxd4 22.Rxc8+ Bxc8∓]

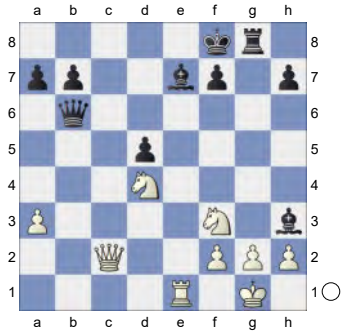
21...Rg8 22.Bd4 0.37/18 &Bianco is more active.

[22.Ba1± 0.79/18]

22...Nxd4± 23.Rxc8+ Bxc8 24.Nbxd4 Kf8

[Much less strong is 24...Be6 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Qc2±]

25.Qc2 Bh3



26.g3

[Wrong is 26.Qxh7? Bxg2 27.Re6 fxe6-+]

26...Bf6 0.47/21 This bishop pair is nice.

[26...Rg6!∓ -0.42/18]

27.Qxh7 Bxd4 1.16/22

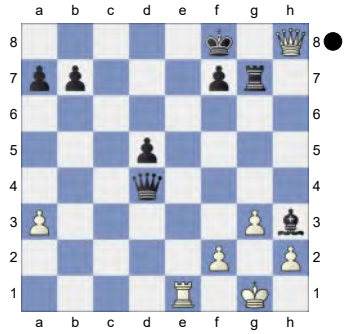
[27...Rh8± 0.61/21 28.Qd3 Qc7]

28.Nxd4± Really sharp! **28...Qxd4??** 12.10/21

[28...Bd7± 1.38/21]

29.Qh6++- Rg7 30.Qh8+

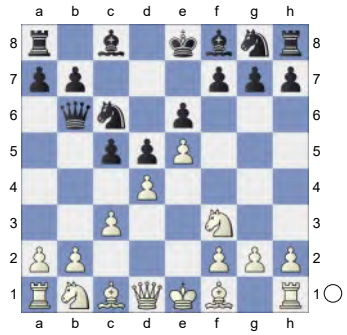
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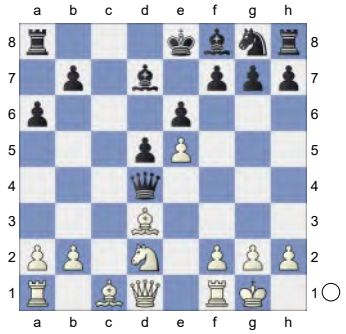
Weighted Error Value: White=0.45/ Black=0.58
1-0

183 **C02**
□ **Williams,Si1** **2481**
■ **Harvey,Marcus Ross** **2202**
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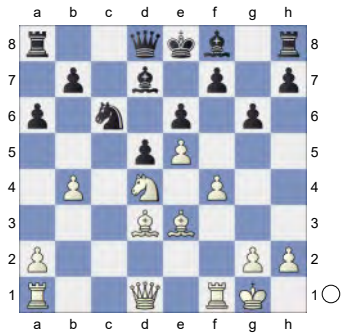
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 a6
[9...Bc5 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nf3 Ne7 12.Nxd4 Qxd4 13.Re1 Nc6 14.Be3 Qxe5 15.Bc5 Qg5 16.Qb3 b6 17.Ba3 Nd4 18.Qb4 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Nxe1 20.Rxe1 Rc8 21.f4 Qh4 22.g3 Qd8 23.Qd6 Rc5 24.f5 Milliet,S (2374)-Prusikin,M (2541) Merlimont 114/83 2011 CI1-130 [Prusikin, Michael] 0-1 (56)]
10.Nxd4 Qxd4

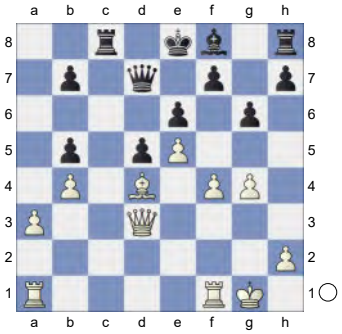


11.Nf3 Qb6 The position is equal.
12.b4N White has compensation.
[12.Be3 Bc5 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 11. French Advance 4. c3-(46) Kooijmans vs. Ikonnikov]
[12.a3 Rc8 13.b4 Ne7 14.Be3 Qd8 15.Nd4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bd4 Be7 18.f4 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qh5+ Kf8 21.Bc5+ Be7 22.Rae1 Bxc5+ 23.bxc5 Qf6 24.Re5 g6 25.Qe2 Re8 26.g4 Kg7 Kilic,E (2414)-Al Tarbosh, W (2256) Chess.com INT 2023 0-1 (37)]
12...Ne7 13.Be3 Qd8 14.Nd4 -0.56/20
[14.a3= 0.01/17]
14...Nc6∓ 15.f4 g6
[15...Nxb4 16.Be2∓]

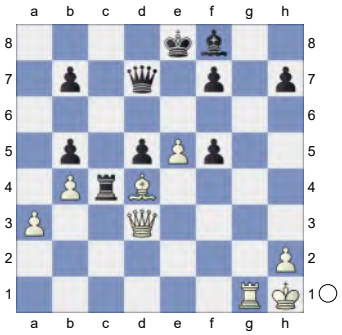


Inhibits f5. **16.a3 Nxd4 17.Bxd4 Bb5 18.Bxb5+ axb5 19.Qd3 Qd7 20.g4 Rc8**

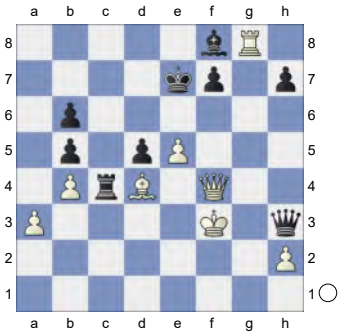
(Diagram)



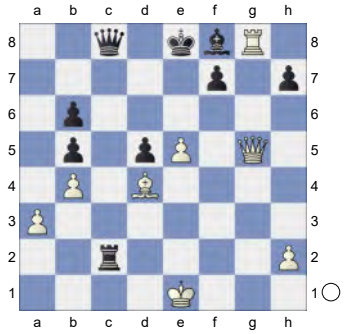
21.f5 gxf5 22.gxf5 Rc4 23.Kh1 Rg8 24.Rg1 Rxg1+ 25.Rxg1 f6 is the strong threat. **25...exf5**



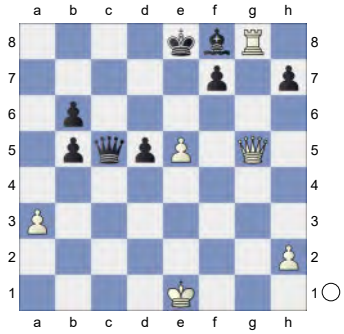
26.Rg8 b6! Inhibits Bc5. **27.Kg2** -2.06/21
[27.Bxb6∓ -0.61/20 Rg4 28.Rxg4 fxg4 29.Kg1]
27...Qe6!-+ And now ...f6! would win.
28.Kf3? -7.21/20
[28.Qe3 -2.18/20]
28...Ke7? -2.20/22
[28...f6 -7.21/20 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8]
29.Qe3 f4 30.Qxf4 Qh3+



31.Kf2 Ke8 32.Ke1? -4.31/22
[32.e6∓ -1.45/22 Rc2+ 33.Kg1 Qxe6 34.Qe3]
32...Rc2? 0.01/23
[32...Qxa3-+ -4.31/22 33.Qf6 Qxb4+ 34.Kf1 h5]
33.Qg5 -0.64/23
[White should try 33.Qf6= 0.01/23 Rc8 34.Qxb6 *(34.Qd6 Qh4+ 35.Rg3 Qxd4)* 34...Qh4+ 35.Kd1 Qh5+ 36.Kd2 Qxh2+ 37.Ke3 Qh3+ 38.Kd2 Qh2+ 39.Ke3 Qh3+ 40.Kd2 Qh2+]
33...Qc8 0.01/22
[33...Rxh2 34.Rxf8+ Kxf8 35.Qd8+ Kg7 36.Qg5+ Kf8 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qg5+ Kf8=]
[33...Rc8!∓ -0.64/23 34.Bxb6 Kd7]

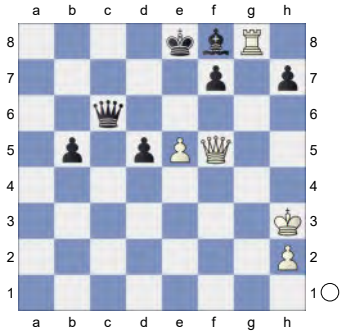


34.Bc5!= Rxc5
[34...bxc5? 35.Qh6 Rc1+ 36.Qxc1+-]
35.bxc5 Qxc5

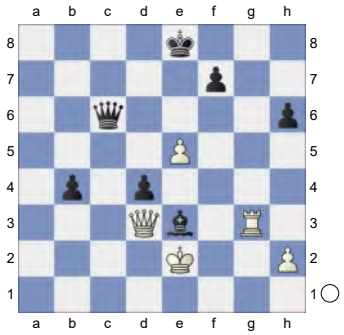


Endgame KQR-KQB **36.Qf5 b4**
37.axb4 Qxb4+
[37...Qc1+ 38.Ke2± *(38.Kf2 Qb2+ 39.Kg1 Qc1+ 40.Kg2 Qd2+ 41.Kh3 Qh6+ 42.Kg4 Qc1±)*]
38.Kf1 White threatens Qc8+ and mate.

38...Qc4+ 39.Kg2 b5 40.Kh3 Qc6

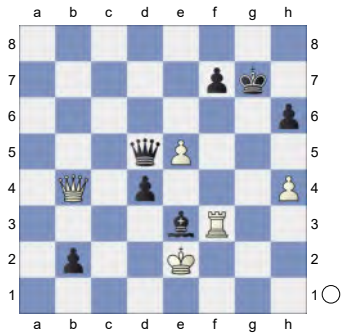


Against e6 **41.Kg2 b4 42.Rg3 d4+ 43.Kf2 Bh6 44.Qd3 Be3+ 45.Ke2 h6**

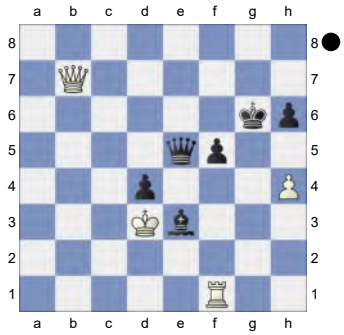


46.Rf3 Qd5 47.Qa6 b3 48.h4 b2
[Resist 48...Qxe5 49.Qa8+ Ke7 50.Qb7+ Kd6 51.Qb8+ *(51.Qxb3 f5=)* 51...Kd5 52.Qxb3+ Kc5 53.Kd1± *(53.Rxf7 Qh2+ 54.Kf3 Qh3+ 55.Ke4 Qg2+ 56.Ke5 Qg3+ 57.Kf5 Qf3+ 58.Kg6 Qg4+ 59.Kh7 Qe4+ 60.Kg7 Qg2+ 61.Kf8 Qa8+ 62.Ke7 Qe4+ 63.Kf8 Qa8+ 64.Kg7 Qg2+ 65.Kh8 Qa8+ 66.Kh7 Qe4+ 67.Kh8 Qa8+ 68.Kh7 Qe4+=)*]
49.Qa4+ Kf8
[49...Kd8!? 50.Qb4 Bf4! 51.Qxb2 *(51.Qb8+ Ke7=)* 51...Qe4+ 52.Kf2 Be3+ 53.Kg2 Kc7=]
50.Qb4+ Kg7

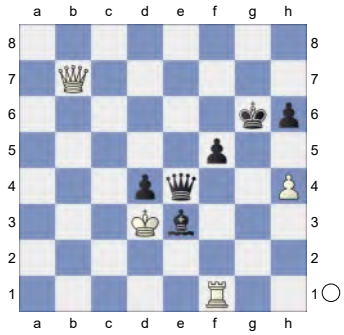
(Diagram)



51.Qxb2 Strongly threatening Rg3+. Chess con chili.
[But not 51.Rg3+? Bg5! 52.Kd3 Qxe5!-+]
51...Qxe5 (-> ...Qh2+) **52.Kd3 f5** Hoping for ...Qe4+. **53.Qb7+ Kg6**
54.Rf1 -1.14/24
[54.Rh3= -0.01/24 keeps the balance.]



54...Qe4+ 0.10/32
[Better is 54...Qc5!∓ -1.14/24 55.Qb3 Qc8]



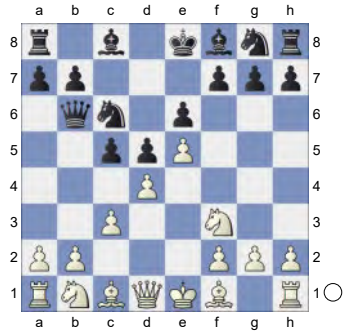
White happily takes the draw.
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Black=0.29 (precise)
½-½

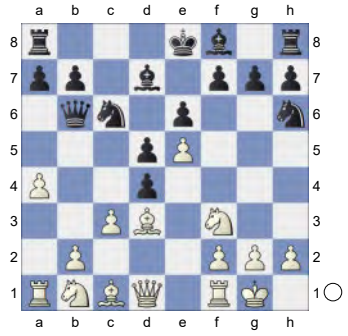
184 **C02**
□ **Jarecki,Marian** **2398**
■ **Schatz,Dieter** **2183**
corr RSS7E adv-144 20.10.2014
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.e5 d5 4.d4 Nc6 5.c3 Qb6N**
[5...Bd7 6.Be2 f6 7.0-0 Qc7 *(7...fxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Qc7 10.Bf4 0-0-0 11.Nd2 h6 12.b4 g5 13.Bg3 Ne7 14.Nb3 Nf5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.bxc5 Qxc5 17.Rb1 Kb8 18.Qb3 b6 19.Kh1 h5 20.h3 Rc8 21.Ba6 Rc7 22.Rbc1* 0-1 Matlakov,M (2662)-Erigaisi,A (2701) ChessKid Cup Play In blitz 2023 (8)*)* 8.Bf4 Nge7 9.Bg3 Nf5 10.Na3 a6 11.Nc2 Nxg3 12.hxg3 fxe5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Re1 Qf6 16.Bg4 0-0-0 17.Qe2 Re8 18.Qe5 Qxe5 19.Rxe5 Bd6 20.Re3 0-1 Altenhofen,G (1146)-Furtado,T (1580) Florianopolis op 9th 2023 (2)]
[5...Nge7 6.Na3 Bd7 7.Nc2 Qa5 8.dxc5 Qc7 9.Ncd4 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 11.Be3 Ng6 12.b4 b6 13.Bb5 Bxb5 14.Nxb5 bxc5 15.Qa4 Be7 16.Nc7+ Kf8 17.Nxa8 Qxc3+ 18.Ke2 Qb2+ 19.Kd1 Qxa1+ 20.Kc2 0-1 Mayank,C (2421)-Agasarov,B (2358) Dubai Police op-A 2024 (8)]

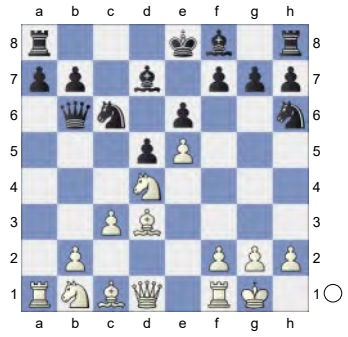
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6.Bd3 Nh6 0.53/23
[6...cxd4= 0.12/9 7.cxd4 Bd7]
7.0-0± cxd4 8.a4 0.14/22
[8.cxd4± 0.55/19 might be stronger. Nf5 9.Bxf5 exf5 10.Nc3]
8...Bd7

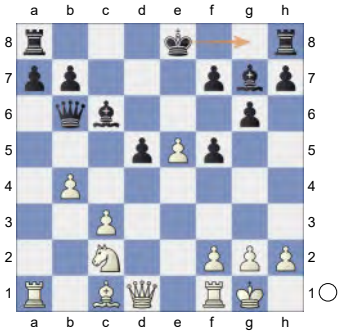


The position is equal. **9.a5!** Deflection
9...Nxa5 10.Nxd4 Nc6

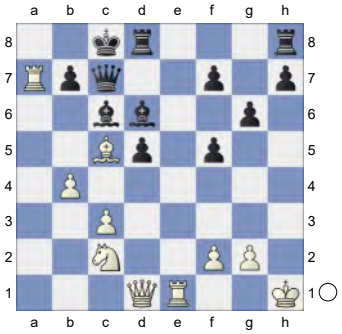


11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Na3 Nf5 Prevents Be3 **13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Nc2 g6** 0.85/21
[14...Be7± 0.48/19]
15.b4 Bg7

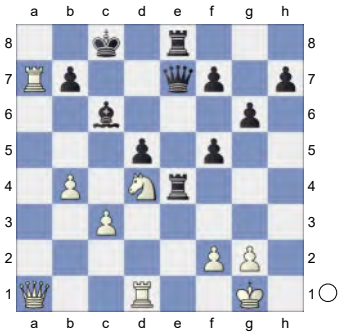
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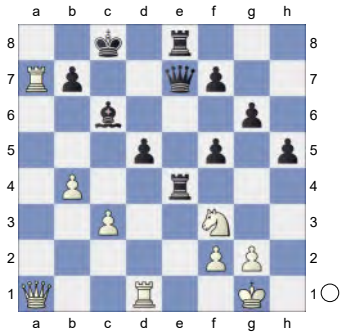
Black is weak on the dark squares
16.Be3 Qc7 17.Bc5! Bxe5 1.28/19
[⌓17...Bf8 0.77/23]
18.Re1± 0-0-0 19.Rxa7 Bxh2+ 20.Kh1 Bd6



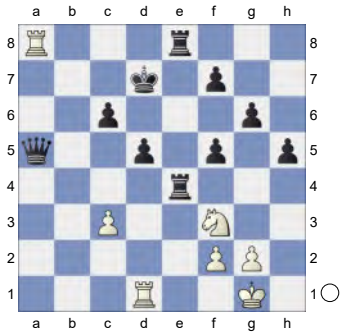
21.Bxd6 White has more active pieces.
21...Qxd6 22.Qa1! Rhe8 23.Rd1!
White has strong compensation.
[23.Rxe8?! Rxe8 24.Ra8+ Kd7=]
23...Re4 Hoping for ...Rh4+. **24.Kg1 Rde8 25.Nd4!**
[25.b5 Bxb5 26.Rb1 *(26.Qa5? Bc6-+)* 26...Bc6∓]
25...Qe7



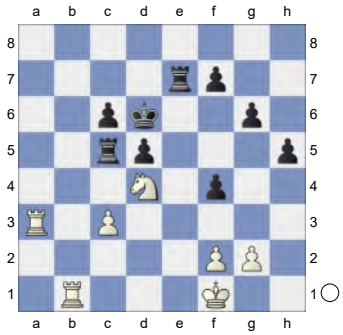
26.Nf3 Wards off Re1+
[26.Nxc6 Re1+ 27.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 29.Kh2 bxc6 30.Rxf7 Rc1 31.Rxh7 Rxc3 32.Rh8+ Kc7∓]
26...h5 1.85/23
[26...Re6± 1.20/23 was necessary.]



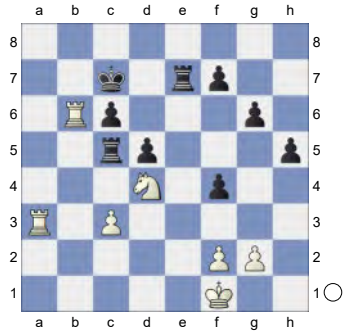
27.Qa5!+- Qc7 aiming for ...Qxa5.
28.Ra8+ Kd7 And now ...b6 would win.
29.b5 Trapped Piece **29...Qxa5**
30.bxc6+ bxc6



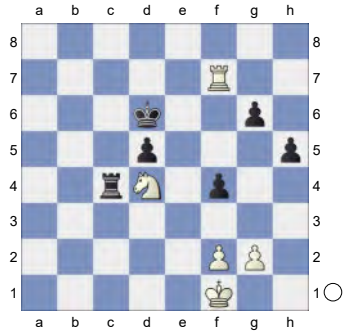
31.Rxa5 Kd6 32.Rb1 Rc4 33.Ra3 f4 2.36/21
[33...Re7± 1.55/21 34.g3 Rc7]
34.Kf1 Re7 35.Nd4 Rc5



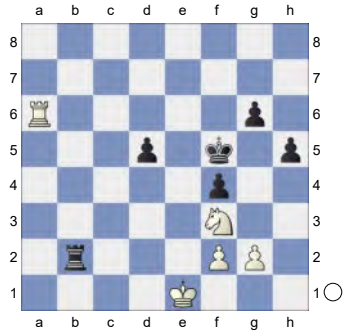
36.Rb6 Kc7
(Diagram)



37.Rxc6+ Rxc6 Endgame. KRR-KRN **38.Ra7+ Kd6 39.Rxe7**
[39.Nxc6 Rxa7 40.Nxa7 Kc5±]
39...Rxc3 40.Rxf7 Nb5+ would now be deadly. KRN-KR **40...Rc4**

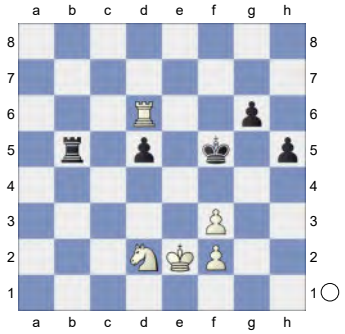


41.Nf3
[Worse is 41.Rxf4 Ke5 42.g3 Rxd4=]
41...Ke6 42.Ra7 Rc1+ 43.Ke2 Rc2+ 44.Ke1 Rb2 45.Ra6+ Kf5

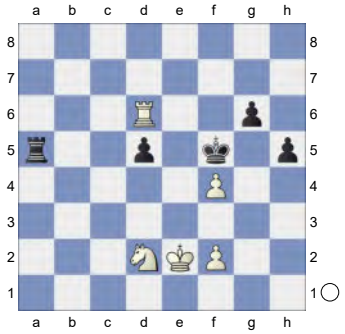


46.Rd6 Rb1+ 47.Ke2 Rb2+ 48.Nd2 f3+? 4.13/32
[48...Rb5 2.39/18 49.Kd3 Ra5]
49.gxf3
[Stronger than 49.Kxf3 Rxd2 50.Ke3 Rd1=]

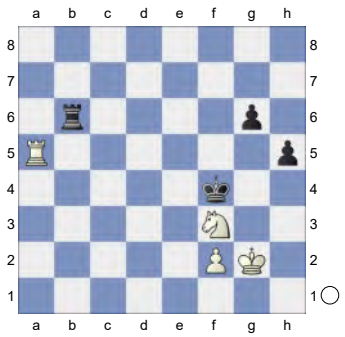
49...Rb5



50.f4! Ra5
[50...Kxf4 51.Rxg6]

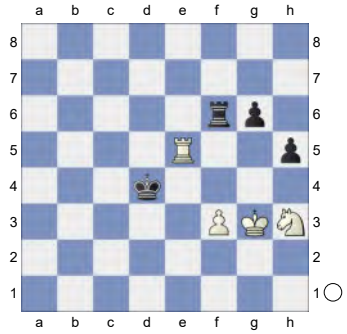


51.Kf3 Threatens to win with Nf1.
51...Ra3+ 52.Kg2 Kxf4 53.Rxd5 White is clearly winning. **53...Ra4 54.Nf3 Rb4 55.Ra5 Rb6**

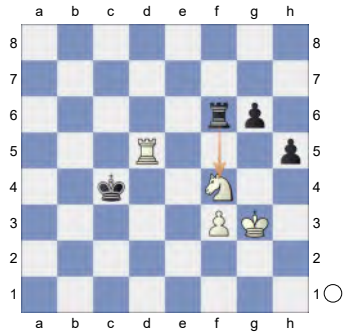


56.Ng5 Rd6 57.Nh3+ Ke4 58.f3+ Ke3 59.Kg3 Rf6 60.Re5+ Kd4

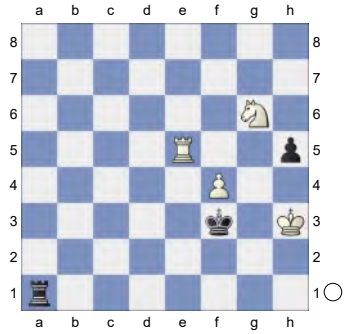
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61.Re4+ Kd5 62.Nf4+ Kd6 63.Ra4 Ra6+ is the strong threat. **63...Ke5 64.Ra5+ Kd4 65.Rd5+ Kc4**

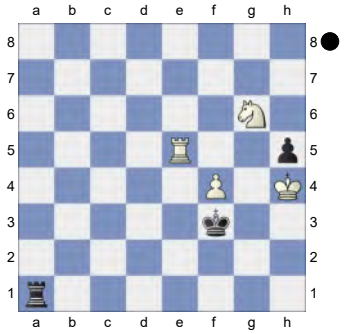


66.Rg5 Ra6 67.Nxg6 Ra1 68.f4 Kd4 69.Kh3
[69.Rxh5 Rg1+ 70.Kf3 Rxg6+-]
69...Ke4 70.Re5+
[Inferior is 70.Rxh5 Rh1+ 71.Kg4 Rg1+ 72.Kh3 Rxg6=]
70...Kf3



71.Kh4!
[71.Rxh5? Rh1#]

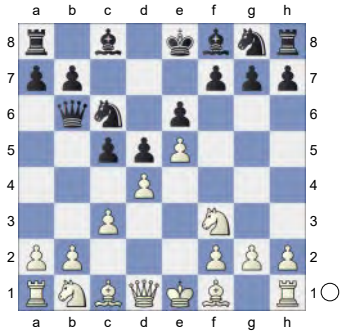
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Inaccurate: --- Black=2 OK: White=33 Black=22 Best: White=8 Black=9 Strong: White=5 ---
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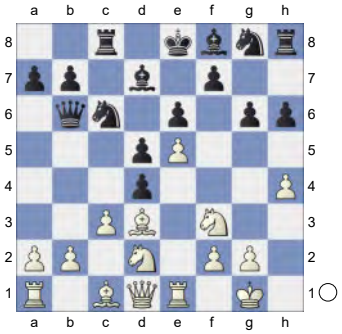
185 **C02**
□ **Akhmadeev,Vadim** **2467**
■ **Afonin,Alexey** **2288**
RUS-Cup03 Geller Memorial (1) 10.02.99
[Tsesarsky,Ilya]

1.e4 Tsesarsky Tsesarsky **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.0-0 Bd7 8.Re1 Rc8 9.Nbd2 h6 10.h4 g6

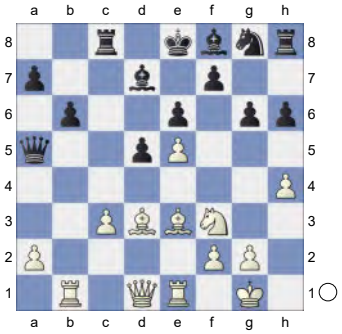
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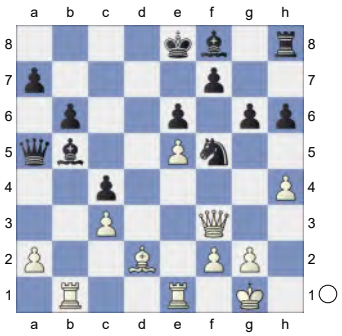
11.Nb3 dxc3 12.bxc3 Na5 13.Be3 Qc7 14.Nxa5 Qxa5 15.Rb1

[15.Qb1 Bc5 16.Nd4 Qb6 17.Qc2 Ne7 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.Qd2 Ng8 20.Qb2 b6+- 21.Ba6+-]

15...b6

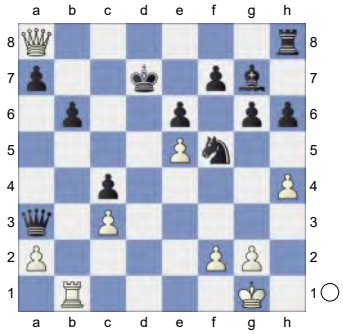


16.Nd4 Ne7 17.Nb5 Nf5 18.Bd2? Rc4? 19.Bxc4 dxc4?!± Black in any case will come take on e5 in, and the best solution was to take on e5 immediately. **20.Qf3 Bxb5**

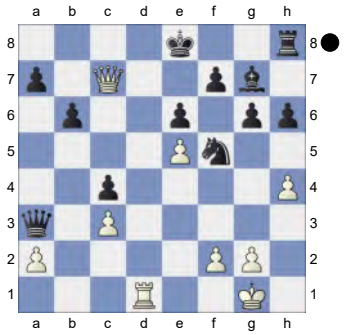


21.Qa8+ Ke7 22.Red1 Bd7 23.Bc1 Bg7 24.Ba3+ Qxa3 25.Rxd7+ Kxd7??+-

(Diagram)



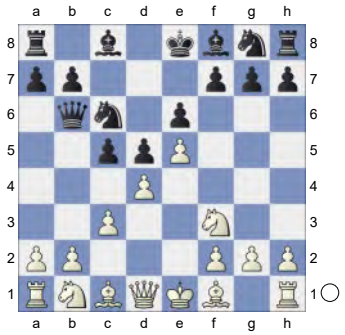
26.Qb7+ Ke8 27.Qc8+ Ke7 28.Qc7+ Ke8 29.Rd1



1-0

186 **C02**
□ Hobbs,Richard **1675**
■ Musselman,Ray **0**
143rd Monday Knights RR (11) 15.02.07
[Musselman, Wood]

1.e4 Wood: Wood annotations are prefaced Wood: -- **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0

Wood: "The Murderous Milner Barry" gambit, which I think Richard and Ray have played before in Monday Knights database game 484 **8...Nxd4 9.Ng5** Musselman: Richard decided to try something offbeat here. It is interesting that this position has actually occurred 155 times in my reference database and even more interesting that White has scored 60% with it! Wood: In Tim Harding's 1998 book _Four Gambits to Beat the French_, 9. Ng5 is refered to as the Sorensen Gambit. In my database White scores 61% in 153 games, better than any other move. The game now follows theory until move 10 which is a critical position. The old "main line" of the Milner barry is 9. Nxd4, the most frequently played move in the database, but the statistics are not great for White'

[9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 *(Wood: In a their previous game played 6 years earlier Richard had played 10. Re1 (database game 484) 10.Re1 Qb6 11.Nc3 Ne7 12.a4 Nc6 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qg5 Bg7 15.a5? Nxa5-+ 16.b4 Nb3 17.Na4? Qd4 18.Ba3? 0-0? 19.Rad1 Bxa4 20.Bxg6 fxg6 21.Rxd4 Nxd4 22.b5 Rf5 23.Qe7 Bxb5 24.Qxb7 Bc6 25.Qb2 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Rxe5 27.f4 Re1+ 0-1 Hobbs,R-Musselman,R/Berkeley, CA 2000/ [Musselman])* 10...a6 Wood: Jim Stewart may be on to something 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Bc5 14.Bd2 Nb4 15.Bb1 Ba7 16.a3 Nc6 17.Bd3 g6 18.Rac1 Qb6 19.b4 Nd4 20.Qd1 Nf5 21.Na4 Qd8 22.Nc5 Bc6 23.Nxa6 Ne3 24.Bxe3 Bxe3 25.Rc2 0-0 26.Qa1 Ba4 27.Re2 Qb6 28.Nc5 Bxc5 29.bxc5 Qxc5 30.Rc1 Qe7 31.Rc3 Bc6 32.Qc1 d4 33.Rb3 Bd5 34.Rb4 Rfc8 35.Qg1 Rc3 36.Rxd4 Qxa3 37.Be4 Rc1 38.Re1 Rxe1 39.Qxe1 Bxe4 40.Rxe4 Qd3 41.h3 Ra1 42.Qxa1 Qxe4 43.Qf1 h5 44.h4 b5 45.Kh2 b4 46.Qf2 b3 47.Qd2 Kg7 48.Kg3 Qc2 49.Qd8 b2 50.Qf6+ Kg8 51.Qd8+ Kh7 52.Qe7 Qf5 0-1 Golod,V (2535)-Barsov,A (2465)/ Dieren 1998/EXT 99]

[9.Nbd2 Ne7 Wood: there are other candidate moves that have good statistics *(9...Nc6; 9...Bc5; 9...Rc8; 9...Nxf3+)* 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nf3 Qa4 12.b3 Qa5 13.Bd2 Qd8 14.b4 Ng6 15.g3 Be7 16.h4 f6 17.Re1 0-0 18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Ng5 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Qb6 21.Qd2 Rf3 22.Re3 Raf8 23.Rxf3 Rxf3 24.Kg2 Ne5 25.Bf1 d4 26.b5 Qc5 27.Rd1 d3 28.Bf4 Ng4 29.Be3 Rxe3 0-1 Lie,K (2493) -Shipov,S (2576)/ Tromso NOR 2006/The Week in Chess 608]

9...Nc6 Black has scored 57% with this move, better than with Shredder's recommended ...Bc5. Wood: "The principle objection to the Sorensen Gambit appears to be this move, which has the advantage of putting pressure on e5" -- Harding

[9...Bc5 may be a bit stronger.]

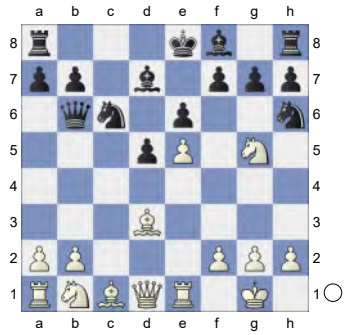
[9...g6 has been one of the most frequently-played moves here, but White has scored 79% after it. (It looks like a horrible move to me!)]

10.Re1 It is interesting to note that Shredder thinks White's best move here is to retreat the Knight back to f3!

10...Nh6

[10...Bc5 11.Qf3 Nh6 Threatening ... h6. *(11...Nh6!? 12.Nc3 0-0-0∓)* 12.Nc3 0-0-0∓ -0.11/17 *(12...Nd4∓* -0.49/18 deserves consideration.

13.Qf4 Rc8)]
[10...Be7 11.Nc3 Bxg5 12.Bxg5 a6 13.Rc1 Qd4 14.Qe2 h6 15.Bd2 -0.09/21 *(15.Be3± 0.55/22 Qxe5 16.Qg4)* 15...Nge7= 16.b3 -0.70/21 *(16.Bb1= -0.16/20)* 16...Nxe5 -0.32/20 *(⌓16...0-0 -0.70/21 17.Na4 Nb4)* 17.Bb1 -1.14/19 *(17.Qxe5∓ -0.32/20 Qxd3 18.Nb1)*
A) 17...Rc8!∓ -1.14/19 18.Be3 *(18.Qxe5 Qxd2)* 18...Qh4;
B) 17...N7c6 0.03/22 18.h3 -0.31/19 *(18.Na4= 0.03/22)* 18...g5 0.48/19 *(18...0-0∓ -0.31/19)* 19.Na4± Qh4 1.45/22 *(19...f6± 0.34/20)* 20.Nb6± Rd8 21.Nxd5! g4? 3.13/20 *(21...exd5± 1.22/21 22.Rxc6 0-0)* 22.Bf4? 0.07/20 *(22.Rxc6!+- 3.13/20 Nf3+ 23.Qxf3 gxf3 24.Rc4 Qxc4 25.bxc4)* 22...0-0 1.21/20 *(22...Nf3+!= 0.07/20 23.Kh1 Nxe1)* 23.Bxe5± Nxe5 24.Qxe5 0.44/22 *(24.Nf4± 1.21/20 f6 25.g3)* 24...exd5± 25.Qxd5 gxh3 26.g3 -0.28/21 *(26.Qd3!± 0.77/20 f5 27.Rc4)* 26...h2+= 27.Kh1 Bc6? 4.58/22 *(27...Qf6∓ -0.41/21 28.Qh5 Bc6+ 29.Be4 Bxe4+ 30.Rxe4 Qxf2)* 28.Qxc6! 1-0 Stork-Christiansson/corr 1982]
[10...Bc5!? 11.Qf3 Nh6∓]



Wood: 10...Bc5 as given in Harding's book has better statistics with Black winning 73%. My guess is that Ray was taking precautions against a typical Hobbs sacrifice at f7. Rybka prefers Ray's move. **11.Nc3 Be7∓** Rybka
[11...0-0-0 0.24/18 11...Bc5 -0.49
A) 12.a3 d4 0.75/18 Inhibits Be3. *(12...Bc5= -0.08/17 13.Na4 Bxf2+ 14.Kf1 Qc7 15.Kxf2 Nxe5)* 13.Na4!± Qc7 14.b4 a6 15.Bf4 f6 16.Nxh7 fxe5 17.Nxf8 Rdxf8 18.Bg3 Nf5 19.Nc5 Nxg3 20.fxg3 e4 1.54/19 *(⌓20...Qb6 0.90/19)* 21.Bxe4± e5 2.14/19 *(21...Kb8 1.75/19* was called for. *22.Bxc6 Bxc6 23.Qxd4 Rd8)* 22.Rc1+- Rh6 3.49/19 *(⌓22...Qd6 2.32/18 23.Qe2 Rh6)* 23.a4 1-0 Skytte,R (2342)-Breyther,R (2375)/Germany 2002/EXT 2002;
B) 12.h3= 0.24/18;
C) 12.Qf3 -0.34/16 12...Be7 13.Nxh7 -1.06/18 *(13.h3= -0.22/16)* 13...d4!∓ 14.Nb1 Nb4 15.Be4 Bc6 Hoping for ...Nc2! 16.Bxh6 gxh6 1/2-1/2 Smeets,J (2461)-Stellwagen,D (2426)/Groningen 2002/CBM 093]
[11...Bc5!?∓ Rybka]
[11...Bc5 keeps more tension. 12.Nh3 Nd4 13.Bxh6 gxh6 14.Na4 Bxa4 15.Qxa4+ Qc6]
12.Nxd5? -1.02/19 Musselman: One of Richard's typical sacrifices: unsound after analysis but worthy of a real struggle over the board. Shredder thinks Black's advantage is equal to almost a whole piece after this. ---------- Wood: out of database -- Ray's strategy of provoking an unsound Hobbs sacrifice was completely successful. Black does not get to castle and his king stays on the central files, but that is not anywhere

near enough for a piece because Black's ceter pawns are rock solid and his king is in no real danger.

[12.a3 a6 13.Ra2 Qa7 0.10/18 *(13...d4∓ -0.32/19 14.Nb1 Rc8)* 14.b4 -0.46/18 (Better is *14.Bf4=* 0.10/18 *)* 14...Qd4 0.54/20 (Black should play *14...Rc8!∓* -0.46/18 *)* 15.Nf3!± Qb6 16.h3 Rc8 17.Ne2 Nf5 18.Bxf5 exf5 19.Nf4 Be6 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Threatens to win with e6. 0-0 1.29/21 *(⌓21...Rd8 0.91/21 22.Qb3 0-0)* 22.e6± aiming for exf7+. f6 1.40/20 *(⌓22...Qb5 1.07/21 23.exf7+ Rxf7)* 23.Qxf5± Rfd8 24.Be3 Qb5 25.Qxb5 axb5 26.Bb6 0.91/22 *(⌓26.Rc2* 1.22/21 *)* 26...Rd3 27.Rd2 Rxa3 28.Rd7 0.30/22 *(28.Bc5± 0.64/22)* 28...Bxb4= 29.Red1 Be7? 2.31/21 *(29...Re8=* 0.26/20 *)* 30.Nd4+- Kf8? 4.88/22 *(30...Nxd4 2.68/23 31.Rxe7 Nf5 32.Rxb7 h5)* 31.Rxb7? 0.61/22 *(31.Nf5+- 4.88/22 Re8 32.Nxe7 Nxe7 33.Bc5)* 31...Nxd4± 32.Rxd4 0.24/20 *(32.Bxd4± 0.57/23* is more appropriate. *Raa8 33.Rxb5)* 32...Raa8 1.71/19 *(32...Ra1+!=* 0.24/20 *33.Kh2 Re1)* 33.Rbd7? -0.44/22 *(33.Rdd7+- 1.71/19 Re8 34.Kh2)* 33...Re8 0.29/20 (Black should try *33...Ra1+∓* -0.44/22 *34.Kh2 Re1)* 34.Bc5? -5.49/21 *(34.Ba7=* 0.29/20 *)* 34...b4?? 7.06/28 *(34...Bxc5-+* -5.49/21 *35.R4d5 Ra1+ 36.Rd1 Rxd1+ 37.Rxd1 Rxe6)* 35.Rxe7+- Rxe7 36.Bxb4? 1.15/27 *(36.Rd7!+-* 7.18/28 is the precise move to win.*)* 36...Rae8? 9.11/25 *(36...Ke8±* 1.15/27 *)* 37.Rd7+- g6 38.f4 h6 39.Kf2 f5 40.h4 h5 41.g3 1-0 Hautot,S-Schreiber,C (2100)/ Vielsalm 1997/EXT 2001]

[12.h3= 0.01/18 remains equal.]

12...exd5∓ 13.e6

[13.Nxf7 -1.61/20 13.e6 -1.27 Nxf7 14.e6 0-0-+ *(14...Bxe6-+)*]

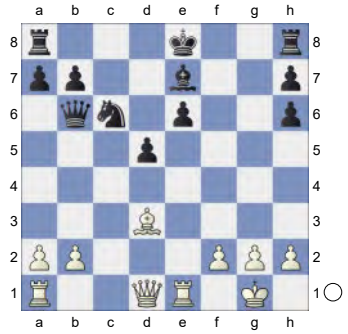
13...Bxe6 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bxh6 -2.86/21

[15.Qh5+ -2.95/19 15.Rxe6 -1.53 Kd7 16.Qh3 *(16.Be3 Bc5-+; 16.Bxh6* transposes to the game; *16.Rxe6?* -5.54/19 16.Qh3 -2.68 *Kxe6 17.Bf4 Qd4-+)* 16...Nd4-+]

[15.Rxe6 0-0-0-+ Rybka]

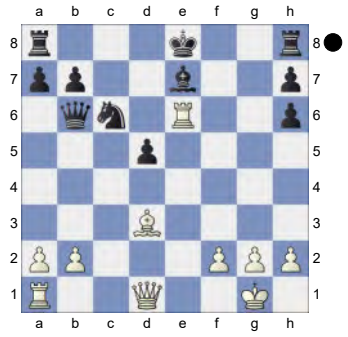
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15...gxh6-+



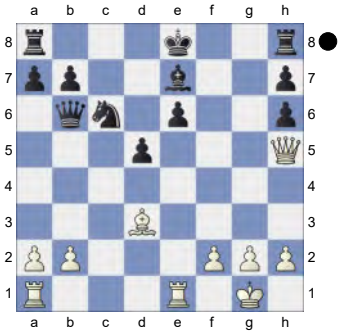
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[16.Rxe6



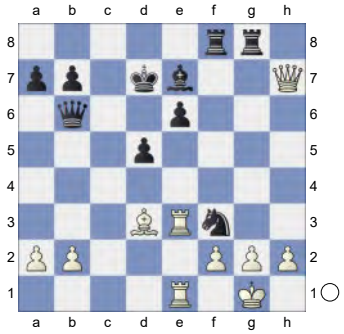
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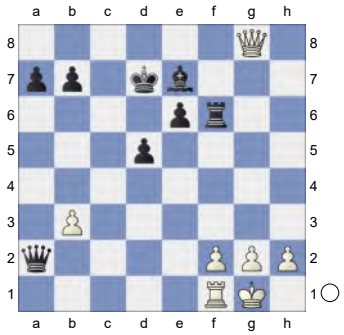


16...Kd7! ## **17.Qxh6**
[17.Qh3 Raf8 18.Qxe6+ Kc7-+]
[17.Rxe6? -7.08/20 17.Qh3 -3.20 Kxe6
A) 18.Qxh6+ Kd7 19.Qh3+ Kd6 20.Re1 *(20.Qg3+ Ne5 21.Re1 Qd4-+; 20.Rd1 Raf8-+)* 20...Raf8-+;
B) 18.Re1+ Kd6 19.Qxh6+ Kc7-+]
17...Nd4 Wood: White is a piece down with no compensation other than Black having to put up with the very slight discomfort of having his king on the central files. With the black center pawns solidly defended, the Black king is perfectly safe.
[Weaker is 17...Qxb2 18.Rab1 Qf6 19.Rxb7+ Kc8 20.Qxf6 Bxf6 21.Ba6±]
18.Re3 Raf8
[Not 18...Qxb2 19.Rb1 Qxa2 20.Qf4=]
19.Rae1 Rhg8
[19...Qxb2!-+]
20.Qxh7 -6.19/21
[⌓20.Qh3 -4.25/18]
20...Nf3+
[20...Qxb2!-+]
[20...Rh8 21.Qg6 Qxb2-+]

(Diagram)

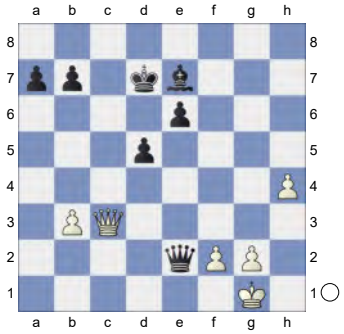


At the time I thought this was crushing, and so did Richard, but Shredder thinks Black had better moves. **21.Rxf3 Rxf3 22.Bb5+!** I had overlooked this move which is the flaw to 20...Nf3+ and which is why Black would have done better to simply capture the b-Pawn. **22...Qxb5 23.Qxg8 Rf6 24.b3** -4.74/23
[⌓24.Rc1 -3.11/19 Rf8 25.Qg7]
24...Qa5 25.Rf1 Qxa2

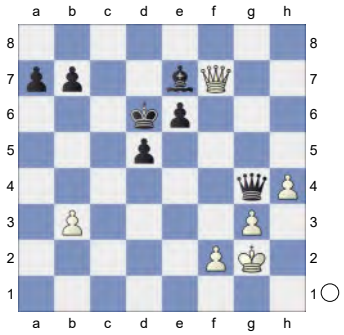


26.h4 -5.65/22
[26.Qb8 -3.97/20 is a better defense.]
26...Rf8
[26...Qxb3]
27.Qg3 Qe2 28.Rc1 Rc8 By now I was in bad time trouble, and I started making inferior moves while Richard increased the activity of his pieces.
[28...e5!-+]
29.Rxc8 Kxc8 30.Qc3+ Kd7

(Diagram)



31.g3 Qg4
[31...e5]
32.Kh2 -5.48/24
[32.Qa5 -3.86/21 might work better.]
32...Bd6-+ 33.Kg2 Bb4
[33...Qe4+ 34.Kg1 d4-+]
[33...b5-+]
34.Qf6 Be7 35.Qf7 -8.36/24
[⌓35.Qa1 -5.20/21 Bxh4 36.Qxa7]
35...Kd6
[35...Qe4+ 36.Kh2 d4-+]



36.Qe8!? Bxh4 Richard criticized this move after the game, but Shredder thinks it is objectively best. **37.Qb8+ Kc6 38.b4 Bf6**
[38...b6! -2.44/21 38...Bf6 -5.76 39.Qxa7? -5.04/23 *(39.Qe8+ -2.44/21 Kd6 40.Qb8+ Kd7 41.Qxa7+ Kc6 42.Qa4+ Kc7 43.Qa7+ Kc6 44.Qa4+ Kd6 45.Qa3)* 39...Bg5-+]
[38...Qe4+ 39.Kg1 -7.25/25 *(⌓39.f3* -4.05/24 *Qe2+ 40.Kh3)* 39...Bf6-+ 40.Qc8+ Kb5 41.Qxb7+ Kc4 42.Qxa7 Bd4 43.Qa2+ Kxb4-+]

39.Qc8+ #0 I think I had about two minutes left on my clock when Richard made this move -- but I didn't see him make the move!! When one's opponent is sitting across the board, it is obvious when he moves his arm, makes a move, and hits the clock. However, Richard quickly slid his Queen one square over; there was no sound on the computer and no other motion, and I simply didn't realize that he had moved. Finally I heard Richard say "Ray, how much time do you have left?". I looked at my clock, saw that I had only 20 seconds left, and made a panic move which allowed Richard a mate in two! **39...Kb6??** #2/6

Tedrick: My God!!! I hope Ray doesn't shoot himself. I didn't realize he had been through such a traumatic experienc e recently. That show how important elementary tactics are, and in a way how absurd chess is: strategic mastery of the highest order brought low by tactical absurdity of the lowest order :-) Ray really does have a good grasp of strategy, I wish I could have learned more of it from him while I was playing in Monday Knights

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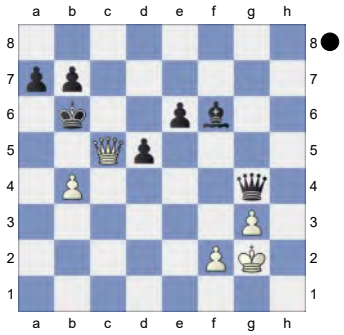
Wood: Unbelievable! Overlooking mate in 2 -- I rarely award "??" but this is a real "??" My understanding is that Ray, even though in check, did not realize it was his move until he had only twenty seconds left on the clock. We have all made blunders, but I find the psychology of what causes them to be fascinating. If Ray still had 20 seconds when he

noticed that Richard had moved, that means he had not noticed Richard's Queen check move for 42.784 seconds, since the total time used for the fatal move was (1:02.784). Not noticing would seem likely if Richard had taken a long time on the previous move, but Richard's move was made in 11.125 seconds. So essentially, in the time pressure phase of the game, Richard made a relatively quick move putting Ray in check, then Ray, apparently fully aware that he was in time pressure, did not notice Richard's move for 42.784 seconds! Not having much experience using the Winboard interface had to be a factor because I cannot imagine this happening to Ray over the board. 20 seconds is plenty of time to see an obvious mate in 2, but suddenly in a panic he just instantly made a quick move. Of course this would never happen to Dave Barton, who routinely finishes his opponents off with a flurry of brilliant moves all made with less than 20 seconds left on his clock. Quite a tragic end to an important game which opens the door for a tournament victory for David Barton. ----------

[39...Kb5 40.Qc5+ Ka4 41.Qxa7+ Kb3 42.Qxb7 Qe4+-+]

[39...Kb5-+ -5.54/23 40.Qxb7+ Kc4]

40.Qc5+



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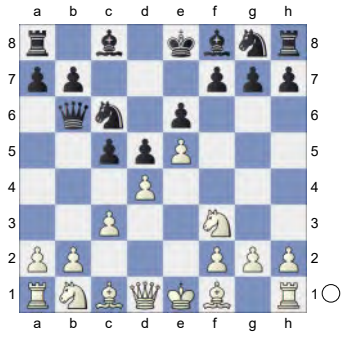
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■ **Baron Rodriguez,Jesus** **2397**

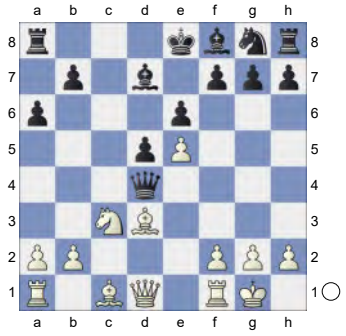
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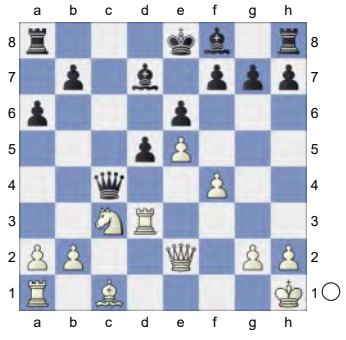
C02: French: Advance Variation Baumbach,Friedrich; Thormann,W: 'Baumbach,F; Thormann,W: 'Inf 23/(211)" **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**



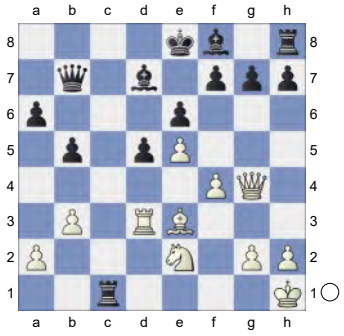
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 a6



11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Nxd3 15.Rxd3 Qc4

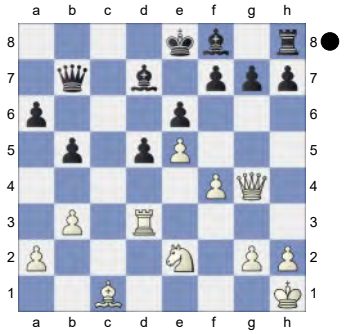


16.b3 Qc7 17.Qg4N
[17.Bb2 Bc6 *(17...b5 18.Rc1 Qb7 19.Qd2 Rc8 20.Rd1 Be7 21.f5 b4 22.Nxd5 exd5 23.f6 Be6 24.fxe7 Qxe7 25.Rg3 g6* C 02/31*; 17...Rc8 18.f5 Qa5 19.Rad1 Ba3 20.Bxa3 Qxa3 21.f6* Moehring,G-Casper,T DDR (ch) 23/(211) 1977 CI1-130 [Baumbach,Friedrich; Thormann,W]*)* 18.Rc1 Rd8 19.Qf2 Be7 20.Ne2 0-0 21.Nd4 Qd7 22.f5 exf5 23.Rg3 g6 24.Qf4 Rfe8 25.Nxf5 Bf8 26.Bd4 Re6 27.Nh6+ Bxh6 28.Qxh6 Rde8 29.Rf1 Qc7 30.Rh3 f5 31.exf6 Qf7 Sveshnikov,E (2450)-Razuvaev,Y (2535) Belgrade 1988 TD [Nesis,G/Sveshnikov,E] 1-0 (32)]
17...b5 Black is slightly better. **18.Be3 Rc8 19.Rc1** -0.99/17
[19.Rad1∓ -0.54/16]
19...Qb7 -0.56/18
[Better is 19...Qa5∓ -0.99/17 20.Bg1 h5]
20.Ne2 -0.93/21
[20.Rdd1∓ -0.56/18 might be stronger.]
20...Rxc1+∓

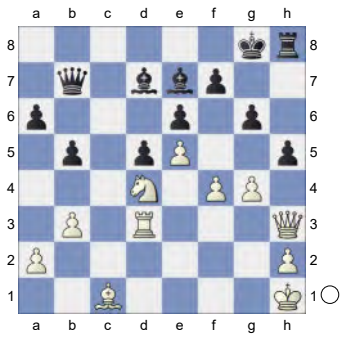


21.Bxc1 Diagram

(Diagram)



We've just found out how important it is to really prevent White from pushing f5. Although he has to be careful every move, the best way to prevent this is still by playing both h5 and g6. **21...h5!** -0.57/18
[21...g6∓ -0.96/16 22.Rd1 Be7]
22.Qg3 -0.94/19
[22.Qg5∓ -0.57/18 is superior.]
22...g6 From now on, White is still striving for f5 and he starts by preparing g4. However, this takes a lot of time, and Black can simply finish his development and take precautions.
23.Nd4 Be7 24.Qh3 -1.17/17
[24.h3∓ -0.68/16]
24...Kf8! -0.85/16 A nice move which is seen more often in the French. As White is preparing g4, the R is well-placed on h8, so there's no need to castle.
[⌓24...0-0 -1.17/17 25.Bb2 b4]
25.g4 -1.45/18
[⌓25.Qe3 -0.85/16]
25...Kg8



26.gxh5

[26.g5 will leave White without play on the kingside, after which Black simply plays b4 with both an extra P and an initiative.]

26...Rxh5 27.Qg4 b4 28.Rh3 -2.95/21 This move loses the game for White.

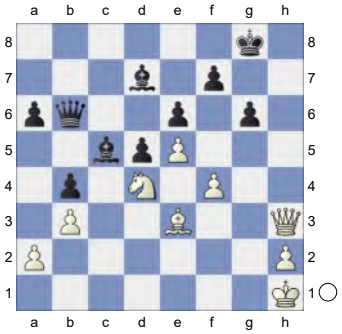
[28.Rg3∓ -1.46/18 Rh7 29.Be3]

28...Rxh3-+ 29.Qxh3 Bc5 30.Be3 -4.20/20

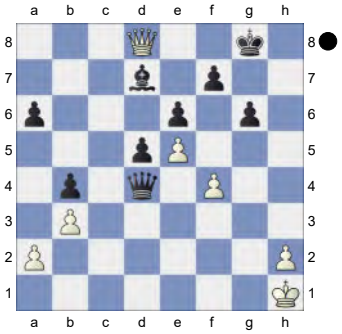
[30.Bb2 Avoiding the pin would certainly have been better, but Black is still close to winning.]

[30.Qd3 -2.82/22 was worth a try.]

30...Qb6

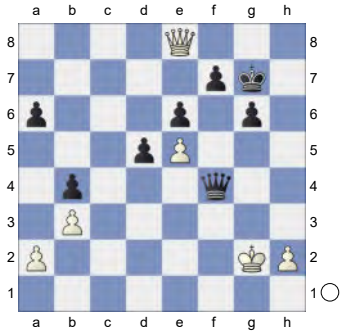


White can't get out of the pin and loses a piece. **31.Qh4** Black is clearly winning. **31...Bxd4 32.Bxd4 Qxd4 33.Qd8+**



A very instructive position. At first sight, it looks as though White has perpetual check on the dark squares. However, after Black sacrifices the B the Q has to leave the diagonal and all that's left for White is a hopeless queen ending.

33...Be8! 34.Qxe8+ Kg7 35.Kg2 Qxf4



Weighted Error Value: White=0.42/ Black=0.09 (flawless)

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□ **Kozlov,Roman** **2363**

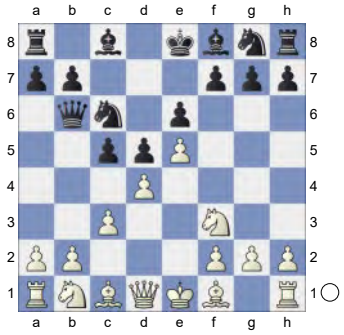
■ **Meissner,Felix** **1954**

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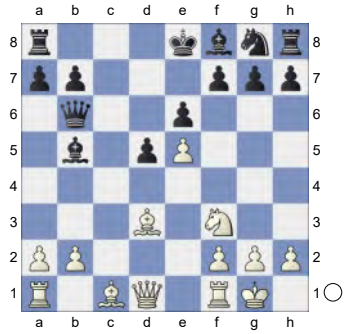
C02: French: Advance Variation

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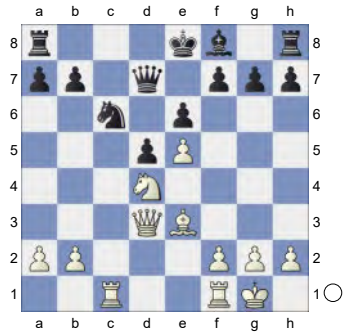


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Nxf3 Bb5

(Diagram)



11.Be3 Qa6 White has an edge.
[11...Qa6!? 12.Bxb5+ Qxb5=]
12.Bxb5+ Qxb5 13.Nd4 Black must now prevent Rc5!
[13.Rc1
A) 13...Ne7 0.99/23 13...Qd7 0.18
A1) 14.Ng5? -0.51/20 14.Rc7 1.15 Nf5 15.g4 Nh4 0.36/22 *(15...Nxe3∓ -0.55/23 16.Qf3 Qd7 17.fxe3 Bb4)* 16.f4 -0.35/20 *(16.Rc7± 0.36/22 Be7 17.Nxf7)* 16...Be7 17.f5!;
A2) 14.Rc7!± 0.99/23;
A3) 14.Nd4 0.09/22 14...Qd7!;
B) 13...Qd7! Against Rc7
B1) 14.Nd4 -0.57/20 14.Rc2 0.01 Ne7
B1a) 15.f4 g6 16.Qd3 Nc6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bc5 -0.82/21 *(18.Rc2 Qb7 19.Rfc1 Rc8 20.Qd4 Be7 21.Qxa7; 18.a3= -0.29/22 remains equal.)* 18...Bxc5+∓ 19.Rxc5 0-0 20.Rfc1 Rfb8 21.Qc2 -1.22/23 *(⌓21.b3 -0.77/21)* 21...Rb4!∓ 22.g3 Rc8 -0.66/19 *(22...Qb7∓ -1.22/21 23.b3 a5)* 23.a3!∓ Rb6 24.b4 Qb7 -0.32/18 *(24...d4∓ -0.73/19)* 25.Kf2;
B1b) 15.Qe2 a6 16.Rc2 Nc6 0.89/21 *(16...Rc8! 17.Rfc1 Rxc2 18.Qxc2 Ng6 19.Qc7! Be7! 20.Nb3 Qxc7 21.Rxc7 b5 22.Bd4 0-0 23.Ra7 Rc8 24.Rxa6; 16...Rc8!= -0.06/24)* 17.Rfc1!± Nxd4 1.43/18 *(17...Nxe5 1.73/22* 17...g6 0.96 *18.Rc7; ⌓17...Be7 0.94/23)* 18.Bxd4± Be7 19.Rc7;
B2) 14.Qe2 Ne7 15.Rc2
B2a) 15...a6 16.Rfc1 Rc8! Prevents Rc7. 17.Bc5 -0.08/18 *(17.Rxc8+± 0.31/21 Nxc8 18.Qc2)*;
B2b) 15...Nc6 16.Rfc1! Be7 *(16...Bb4 17.a3 Ba5! 18.b4 Bd8 19.Bc5)*
B2b1) 17.Nd4!
B2b11) 17...0-0 18.Nxc6 bxc6 19.Rxc6 *(19.Qa6 -0.67/20* 19.Rxc6 0.22 *d4)* 19...Rfc8 Inhibits Rc7. 20.Qa6 Rxc6 21.Qxc6;
B2b12) 17...Nxd4 18.Bxd4 0-0 19.Rc7 Qa4 *(19...Rfc8 20.Rxd7 Rxc1+ 21.Qf1 Rxf1+ 22.Kxf1 Kf8 23.Rxb7)* 20.Rxe7 Qxd4 21.Rxb7;
B2b2) 17.Nd4!]
13...Qd7 14.Rc1 Ne7 15.Qd3 Nc6
[15...a6]



16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Qa6 Rc8
[Don't play 17...Rb8 18.Rxc6 Be7

19.Rfc1± *(19.Bxa7 Ra8∓)*]

18.Qxa7N -0.46/19

[18.Rc3!= 0.01/21 Be7 19.Rfc1 c5 20.Bxc5 Bxc5 21.Rxc5 Rxc5 22.Rxc5 0-0 4) Vorstoßvariante (3.e5) An-4C | Vorstoßvariante mit 6.L]

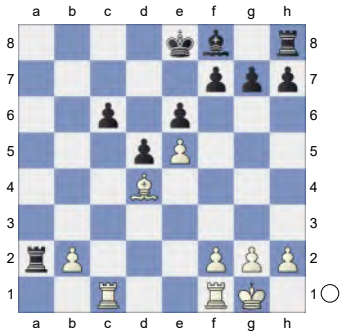
18...Qxa7∓ 19.Bxa7 Ra8

[19...c5 20.Rc2 Rc7 21.Bb6 Rc6! 22.Ba7 Rc7 -0.01/24 *(22...Kd7∓* -0.63/21 *23.Rfc1 c4)* 23.Bb6 *(23.Bb8* -1.44/23 23.Bb6 0.01 *Rb7 24.Bd6 Bxd6 25.exd6 Kd7* Hoping for ...Ra8. *26.Rxc5 Ra8* Inhibits Ra5. *27.a3 Kxd6 28.Rc2 Rb3)*]

20.Bd4 Rxa2? 0.90/23

[20...Kd7 21.a3 Ra6 0.01/20 *(21...Be7∓* -0.59/22) 22.Rc2 -0.52/22 *(22.Rc3=* 0.01/20) 22...Be7 -0.08/21 *(22...Ra4∓ -0.52/22 23.Bb6 Be7)* 23.Rfc1= Rb8]

[20...Kd7∓ -0.68/24 keeps the upper hand.]



21.Rxc6± Be7 22.Rc8+ Bd8 23.Rfc1 Kd7? 3.54/21

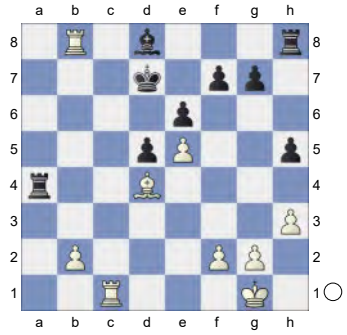
[23...Ra4 24.Bb6 Kd7 25.Kf1 Rb4 26.Bxd8 Rxd8 27.R1c7+ Ke8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8 29.Rxf7 Rxb2 30.Rxg7 h5 31.Rh7 d4 32.Rxh5 0.01/23 (Better is *32.Ra7!±* 0.79/24) 32...d3= 33.Ke1 Threatens to win with Rh3. Re2+ 34.Kd1 Threatening Rh3. Rxf2 35.Rg5]

[23...Ra4± 0.82/23 was necessary. 24.Bb6 Kd7]

24.Rb8!+- h5? 7.23/23

[24...g6 3.60/22 25.g3 Ke7 26.Bc5+ Kd7]

25.h3 Ra4



26.Rb7+? 2.37/5

[26.b4 And now Rb7+ would win. Ke7 *(26...Bc7 27.Rxh8 Rxb4 28.Rf8 Bd8 29.Rxf7+ Ke8 30.Bc3)* 27.Rb7+ Ke8 28.Rc8]

[26.b4 8.52/29]

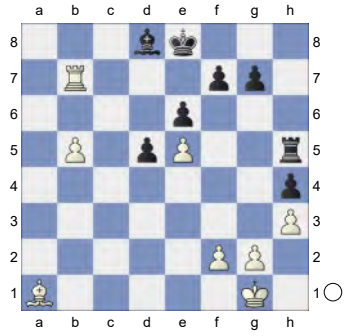
26...Ke8 27.b4 Ra8 Against Rc8

28.Ra1 1.77/25

[28.b5]

[⌓28.b5 4.22/24]

28...Rxa1+ 29.Bxa1 Endgame KRB-KRB **29...h4 30.b5! Rh5**



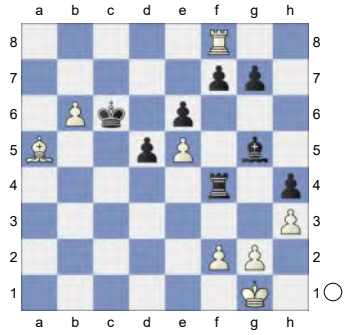
31.b6 0.43/23

[31.g4!± 0.98/23 hxg3 32.fxg3]

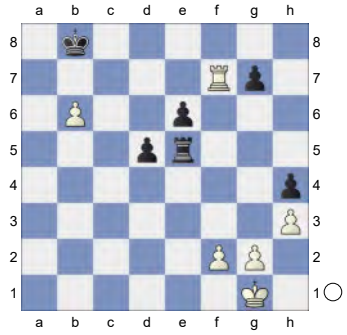
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[34.b7 Bc7 35.Rf8 Rc4 36.Be1 0.01/22 *(36.Rxf7+±* 0.62/22 *Kc6 37.Bd2)* 36...Bxe5 1.41/22

(36...Rc1!= 0.01/22 37.Kf1 Rb1)
37.b8Q Bxb8 38.Rxb8]
34...Bg5 35.Rf8 Threatening mate with b7. **35...Kc6**

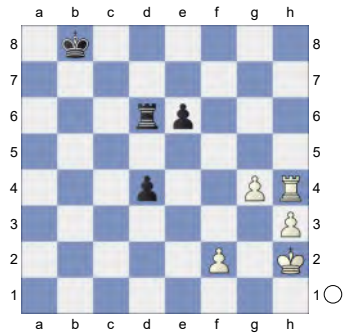


36.Rc8+ Kb7 37.Rc7+ Kb8 38.Bd2 Rf5 39.Bxg5 &Bianco is more active. **39...Rxg5 40.Rxf7 Rxe5**

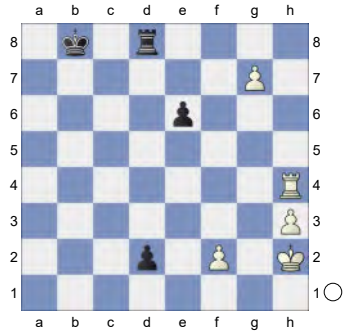


41.Rxg7± KR-KR **41...Re1+ 42.Kh2 Rb1**
[42...Re2]
43.Rg4 Rxb6 44.Rxh4 Rd6 1.36/19
[44...Kc7 45.Rg4 Kd6 46.h4! Ke5 47.h5 d4 48.Rg7 0.40/21 *(48.h6± 1.06/20 Rb8 49.Kg3)* 48...Rd6 1.33/25 *(48...Kf4!± 0.40/21)* 49.h6± Rd8 50.h7 Rh8 51.Rf7 d3 52.Rd7 d2 53.Rxd2 Rxh7+]
[⌓44...Kc7 1.03/22]
45.g4 1.02/22
[⌓45.Rd4 1.36/19]
45...d4

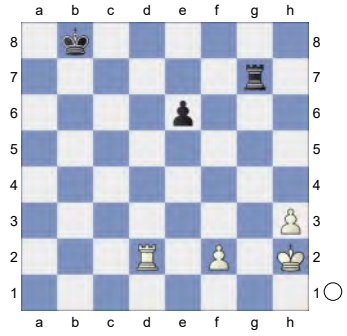
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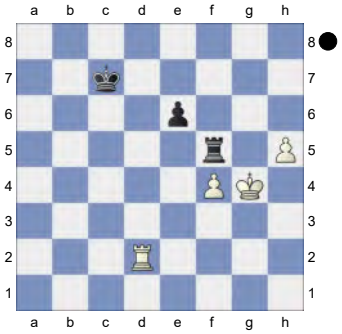
46.g5! d3 1.54/25
[⌓46...Kc7 1.21/22]
47.g6 d2 2.16/21
[47...Rd7]
[47...Rd8± 1.34/26 is a better defense. 48.g7 d2]
48.g7 Rd8



49.Rd4 0.01/30 **Rg8** 3.19/31
[49...Rxd4= 0.01/30 50.g8Q+ Kc7 51.Qg3+ Rd6 52.Qg7+ Rd7 53.Qe5+ Rd6 54.Qc5+ Kd7 55.Qb5+ Kc8 56.Qc4+ Kd8 57.Qh4+ Kc7 58.Qe7+ Kc6 59.Qe8+ Kc7 60.Qe7+ Kc6 61.Qe8+ Kc7 62.Qe7+]
50.Rxd2+- aiming for Rd7. **50...Rxg7**



51.h4 Kc7 52.Kh3 Rh7 53.f4? 0.87/25
[53.Kg3+- 2.50/25]
53...Rh5? 10.12/25
[53...Rh6 1.16/27 53...Rf7 0.77 54.Kg4 Rg6+ 55.Kh5 Rg8]
[53...Rh8± 0.87/25 54.Rd4 Rh7]
54.Kg4 Rf5
[54...Rh7 55.h5 Rh2 is the strong threat. Rh8 9.72/26 *(⌓55...Kc6* 5.05/24 *56.Kg5 Rg7+ 57.Kf6 Rh7)* 56.Kg5+- Rg8+ 57.Kf6 Strongly threatening h6. Rf8+ 58.Ke7 Rxf4 59.Rc2+ Kb7 60.Rh2]
55.h5

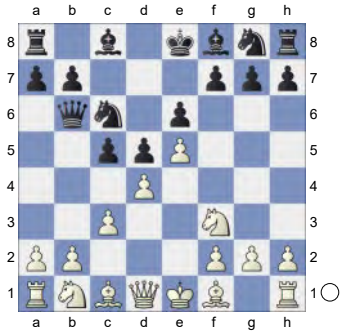


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189 **C02**
□ **Rudaityte,Ilona**
■ **Brokko,Margit**
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[Kitty Kat]

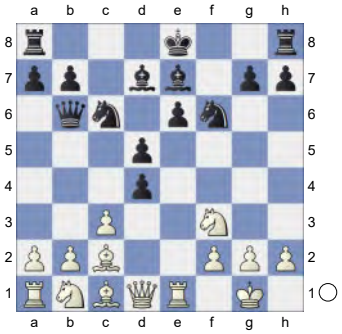
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1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

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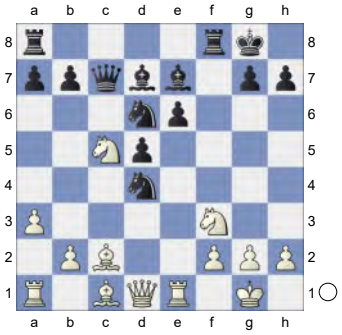


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.Bc2 Be7N 0.36/20
[7...cxd4= -0.05/21 was preferrable. 8.cxd4 Nb4 9.0-0 Nxc2 10.Qxc2 Ne7 11.Nc3 Rc8 *(11...Nf5 12.Be3 Bb4 13.a3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 0-0 15.Rab1 Qc7 16.Qb3 b6 17.Rfc1 Rac8 18.Bg5 h6 19.Be3 Nxe3 20.fxe3 f6 21.Rc2 Be8 22.Rf1 Bg6 23.Rcc1 Bd3 24.Rf2 Be4 25.Nd2 f5 26.Nxe4* Krivonosov,O (1244)-7.♕e4 d6 8.ed6_60522 (1385) corr 2023 15 1... c5: model games [John Watson] 0-1 (55) *)* 12.Be3 Nc6 13.a3 Na5 14.Nd2 Be7 15.Rac1 f5 16.b4 Nc4 17.Nxc4 Rxc4 18.g3 0-0 19.Qb3 Qa6 20.Ne2 Rfc8 21.Nf4 Ba4 22.Qb1 Bc2 23.Qb2 Kf7 Chladek,V-Bures,J Czech Republic 1993 Corr Nr. 1 [ChessBase II] 0-1 24.f3 Rc3 25.Bd2 Rb3 26.Qxb3 Bxb3 27.Rxc8 Qxa3 ½-½ (27) Chloupek,S (2295)-Jirovsky,P (2290) CZE 1993 TD [Mihail Marin]]
8.0-0 f6 0.58/19
[8...cxd4= 0.24/19 9.cxd4 Nb4]
9.exf6 0.27/21
[9.Nbd2± 0.58/19]
9...Nxf6= White has an edge. **10.Re1 cxd4**

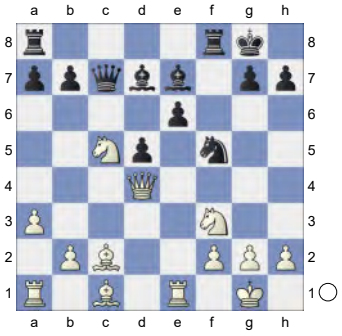
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11.cxd4 0-0 12.Nc3 Ne8 0.65/19
[12...Ng4= 0.16/20]
13.a3 Nd6 0.75/21
[13...Rxf3± 0.43/20 might be stronger. 14.gxf3 Qxd4]
14.Na4± Qc7 15.Nc5
[15.Qd3 g6=]
15...Nxd4

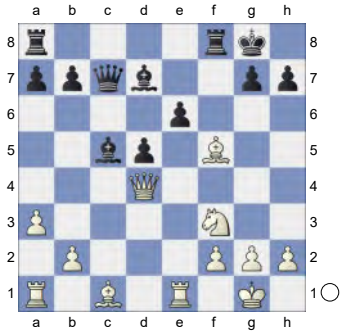


16.Qxd4 Nf5

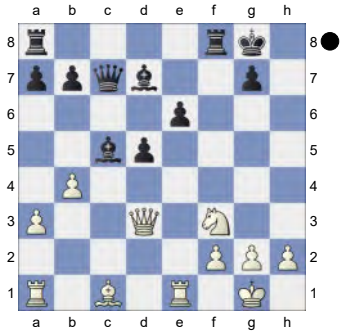


17.Bxf5 0.75/22
[⌓17.Nxe6! 1.43/25 Qxc2 18.Qxd5 Bxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kh8 20.Bg5 Bxg5 21.Nxg5 *(21.Re2? Qd3-+)*]
17...Bxc5

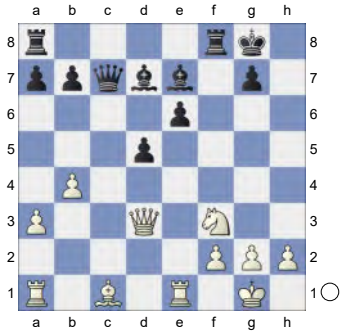
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18.Bxh7+! Kxh7 19.Qd3+ Kg8 20.b4 -0.01/23
[Better is 20.Be3± 0.73/21 Bxe3 21.Qxe3]

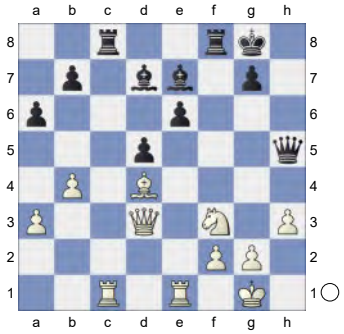


20...Be7 1.01/20
[20...Rxf3!= -0.01/23 keeps the balance. 21.gxf3 *(21.Qxf3? Rf8-+)* 21...Bxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 23.Kf1 Qh3+ 24.Ke2 Qh2+ 25.Kf1 Qh3+ 26.Kf2 Qh2+ 27.Kf1]



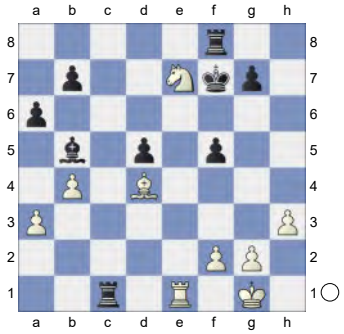
21.Bb2 Qf4 22.Be5
[Of course not 22.Qg6 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Rxf6=]
22...Qg4 1.18/21

[⌓22...Qh6 0.79/21]
23.Rac1 Strongly threatening Rc7.
23...Rac8 1.92/24
[23...Bd8± 1.22/23 was worth a try.]
24.h3 0.57/22
[24.Rxc8+- 1.92/24 Rxc8 25.h3]
24...Qh5 1.99/23
[Black should play 24...Qf5!± 0.57/22 25.Qxf5 exf5]
25.Bd4 0.86/23
[25.Rxc8+- 1.99/23 has better winning chances. Rxc8 26.Qd4]
25...a6

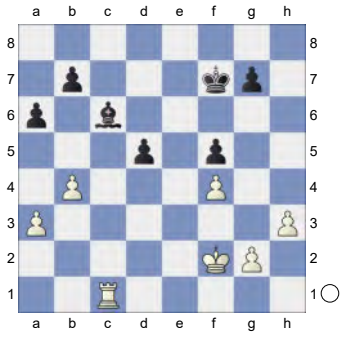


26.Ne5↑ White is pushing. &Bianco is more active. **26...Bb5 27.Qg6** 0.08/23
[27.Qd2± 0.70/23]
27...Qf5? 2.12/27
[27...Qxg6!= 0.08/23 and Black has nothing to worry. 28.Nxg6 Bg5 29.Rxc8 *(29.Nxf8 Bxc1 30.Nxe6 Bxa3∓)* 29...Rxc8]
28.Qxf5 Chess con chili. **28...exf5**
29.Ng6 Rxc1?? 5.76/26
[29...Bg5± 1.26/23 is more resistant. 30.f4 Rxc1 31.Rxc1 Bf6 32.Bxf6 Rxf6 33.Rc8+ *(33.Ne7+ Kf7±)* 33...Kf7 34.Ne5+ Ke6]
30.Nxe7++-
[Weaker is 30.Rxc1 Bg5 31.f4 Bf6 32.Bxf6 Rxf6 33.Rc8+ *(33.Ne7+ Kf7=)* 33...Kh7±]
30...Kf7

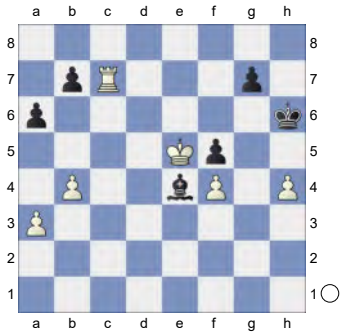
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31.Rxc1 Kxe7 Endgame KRB-KRB **32.Bc5+ Kf7 33.Bxf8 Kxf8** KR-KB **34.f4 Bc6 35.Kf2 Kf7**

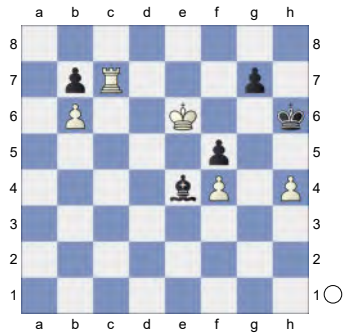


36.Ke3 d4+ 37.Kxd4 Rxc6! is the strong threat. **37...Bxg2 38.Ke5 Be4 39.Rc7+ Kg6 40.h4 Kh6**

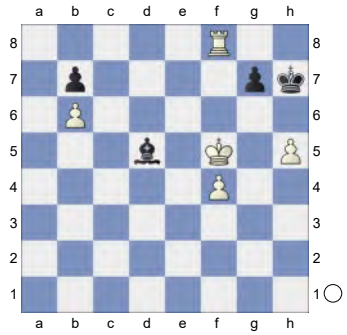


41.a4 Kg6 42.b5 axb5 43.axb5 Kh6 44.b6 Kg6 45.Ke6 Kh6

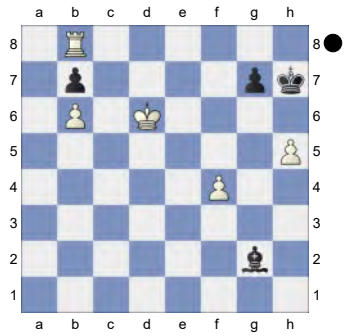
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46.Rf7 Kg6 47.h5+ Kh6 48.Ke5 Bf3 49.Kxf5 White threatens Rf8 and mate. **49...Bd5 50.Rf8 Kh7**



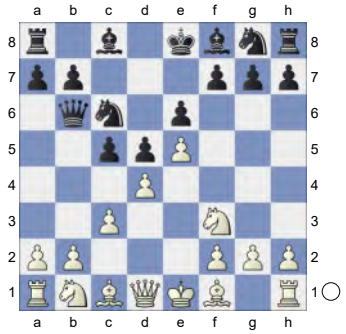
51.Ke5 15.56/24
[⌓51.Kg5 #14/29 Bc6 52.Rc8 Be4 53.Rc4 Bh1 54.Rc7 Kg8 55.Kg6 Be4+ 56.f5]
51...Bf3 52.Rb8 Bg2 53.Kd6 14.59/28
[⌓53.f5 #15/21 Bh1 54.Rc8 Kh6 55.f6 gxf6+ 56.Kxf6 Be4 57.Rh8+ Bh7 58.Kf7]



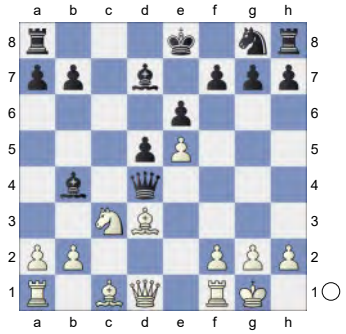
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190 **C02**
□ **Howell,David**
■ **Courbi,Stephane**
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[FS 106]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Bb4 0.92/21
[10...a6∓ -0.46/18]



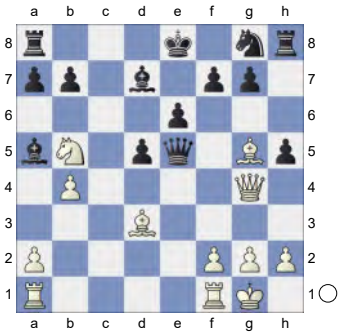
11.Nb5!± Qxe5 12.Qg4 Ba5 13.Bf4! White has strong compensation. &Bianco is more active. White is better.
13...Qf6 1.74/20
[13...Qxb2? 14.Qg3! Bxb5 15.Be5+-]
[13...h5!± 0.69/22]
14.Bg5N 0.01/22
[14.Qg3+- 1.74/20 a6 15.Be5! axb5 16.Bxf6 Nxf6 17.Qxg7]
[14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Qg3 Bc7 16.Rac1

Bc6 17.Bb5 Ne7 18.Bd3 Ng6 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.Be5 Bxd6 21.Bxd6+ Kg8 22.Be5 Qf5 23.Bd4 Rh5 24.f4 Qe4 25.Qf2 Rf5 26.Rce1 Qd3 27.g4 Rf6 28.Bxf6 gxf6 B,L (1793)-Anand,T (1596) Pune 2025 0-1 (39)]

14...Qe5=

[14...Qxb2? 15.Qa4 f6 16.Qxa5 Bxb5 17.Rab1!+- *(17.Qxb5+ Qxb5 18.Bxb5+ Kf7±)*]

15.b4 h5!



16.Qh4 -0.84/21

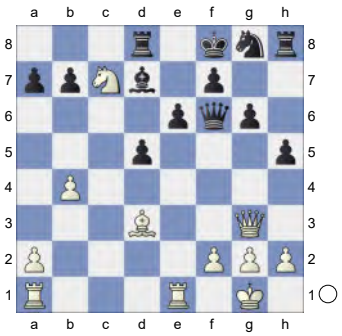
[16.Qf4= -0.27/19 Qxf4 17.Bxf4]

16...Bd8∓ 17.Bxd8 Rxd8 18.Rfe1 Qf6 19.Nc7+ -1.86/21

[19.Qg3!∓ -0.69/20]

19...Kf8-+ 20.Qg3 g6 -1.23/18

[20...h4-+ -1.85/19 21.Qd6+ Qe7]



21.Rac1 -1.73/18

[21.b5∓ -1.23/18]

21...Ne7 -1.05/18

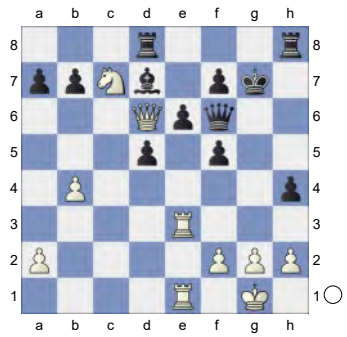
[21...h4-+ -1.73/18 22.Qd6+ Kg7 23.Qxd7 Rxd7 24.Ne8+ Kh7 25.Nxf6+ Nxf6]

22.Re3 -2.59/20

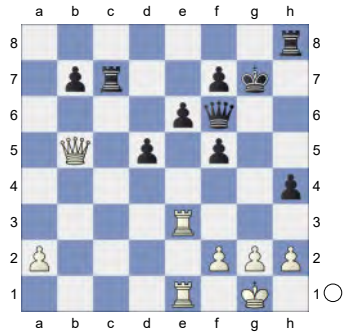
[22.h4∓ -1.05/18]

22...h4 23.Qd6 Kg7 24.Rce1 Nf5 25.Bxf5 gxf5

[Worse is 25...Qxf5 26.Qe7 Qf6 27.Nxe6+ Bxe6 28.Rxe6∓]



26.Qc5 a6 27.b5 axb5 28.Nxb5 Rc8 29.Qb6 Bxb5 30.Qxb5 Rc7



31.Qe2 -2.96/19

[⌓31.Rh3 -2.09/18]

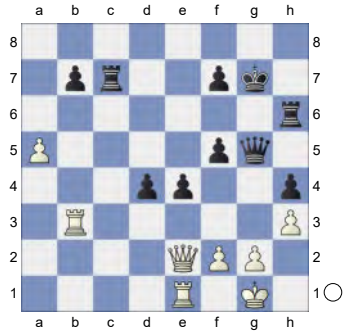
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[⌓34.f3 -2.42/18]

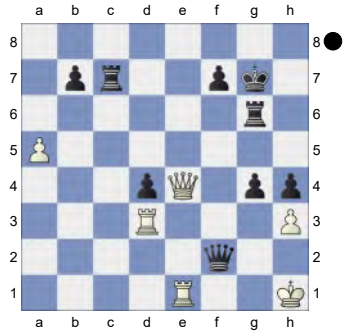
34...e4 35.a5 Qg5 -2.27/20

[⌓35...d3 -4.07/20 36.Qe3 Rg6]

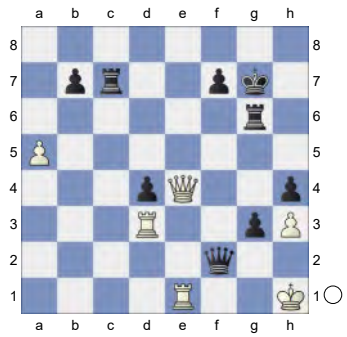
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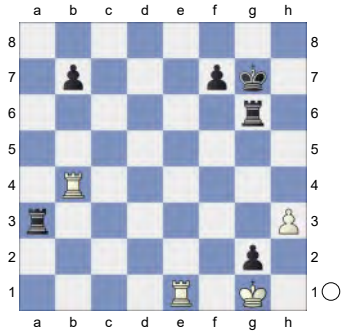
36.g4? -6.69/20
[36.Qb2 -2.27/20]
36...Rg6 37.Kh2? -13.03/20
[37.Kf1 -3.99/19]
37...Qf4+ 38.Kh1 fxg4 39.Qxe4 Qxf2 (-> ...g3) **40.Rd3**



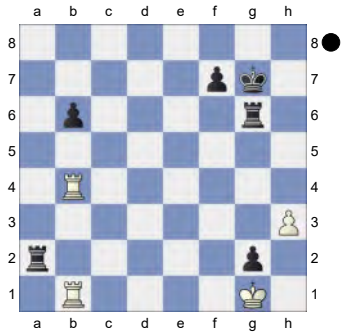
g3? -2.14/22
[40...Re7!! -14.58/23 41.Qxd4+ Qxd4 42.Rxd4 Rxe1+ 43.Kg2 gxh3+ 44.Kf2 Ra1 45.Re4 Ra3 46.Re3 Rxe3 47.Kxe3 h2 48.a6 h1Q 49.axb7 Qxb7 50.Ke2 Qb3 51.Ke1 h3 52.Kf2 Rg2+ 53.Kf1 Qd1#]



41.Qxd4+ Qxd4 42.Rxd4 Endgame KRR-KRR **42...Rc5 43.Rxh4** -1.60/23
[⌓43.Ra1 -1.10/21]
43...Rxa5∓ And now ...g2+ would win.
44.Rb4 -2.14/21
[44.Re2∓ -1.46/22]
44...g2+ -1.09/26
[44...Ra2!-+ -2.14/21 Hoping for ... Rh2+. 45.Rxb7 Rf6]
45.Kg1 -1.52/23
[⌓45.Kh2 -1.09/26]
45...Ra3!

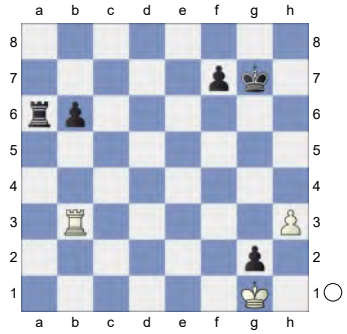


46.Kh2 Ra2 -1.19/24
[Black should try 46...b6!-+ -1.73/25 White must now prevent ...Rf3. 47.Rg4 Rxg4 48.hxg4 Ra4 49.Kxg2 Rxg4+ 50.Kf3 Rb4 51.Rg1+ Kf6]
47.Kg1 b6! Threatens to win with ... Ra3. **48.Reb1**

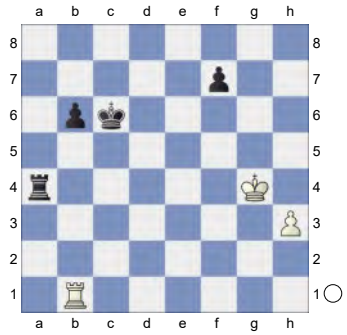


Rg3 -0.25/27
[Better is 48...f5!∓ -1.11/21 next ...Rc2 is good for Black. 49.Rf4 Rf6]
49.R4b3!= Rxb3 50.Rxb3∓ KR-KR
50...Ra6

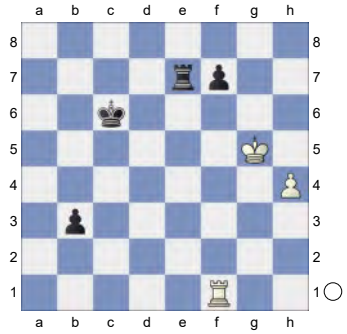
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51.Kxg2 Kf6 52.Rb5 Ke6 53.Kg3 Kd6 54.Kg4 Kc6 55.Rb1 Ra4+

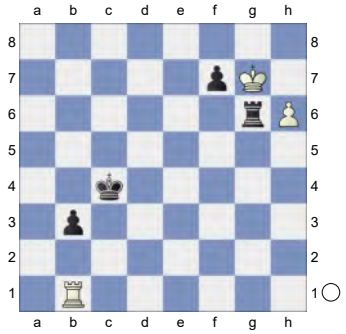


56.Kg3 b5 57.h4 Re4 58.Rf1 Re7 59.Kg4 b4 60.Kg5 b3

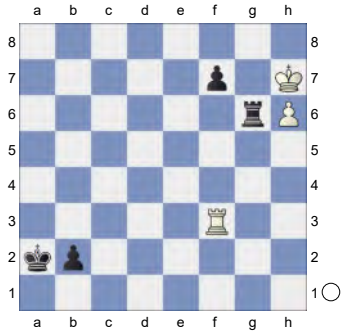


61.Rb1 Rb7 ...Kd7 is the strong threat.
62.Kf6 Kc5 63.h5 Kc4 64.h6 Rb6+ 65.Kg7? -5.55/25
[65.Kg5= -0.01/26 and White stays safe.]
65...Rg6+-+

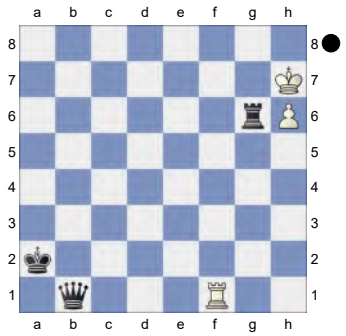
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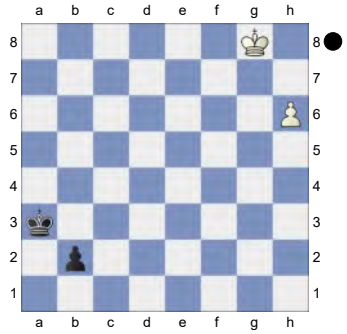
66.Kh7 Kc3? -1.75/25
[66...Kb4 -5.25/27 67.Rh1 b2]
67.Rf1? -10.32/26
[67.Rc1+ -1.75/25 Kd3 68.Rc8]
67...b2 68.Rf3+ Kc2 -5.55/27
[⌓68...Kb4 -14.44/26 69.Rf1 Kb3]
69.Rf2+ Kb3 70.Rf3+ Ka2



71.Rxf7 Rg3? 0.00/27
[71...b1Q 72.Ra7+ Ra6+]
[71...b1Q -#11/24 mates 72.Rf1



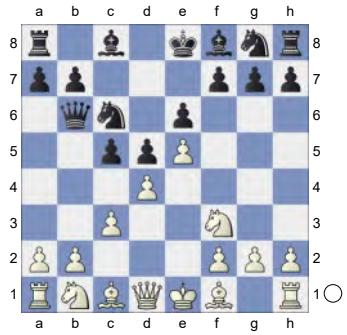
Rxh6+!! 73.Kxh6 Qxf1 74.Kg6 Kb3 75.Kg7 Kc4 76.Kg6 Kd5 77.Kg5 Qf3 78.Kh4 Ke6 79.Kg5 Qg3+ 80.Kh5 Kf7 81.Kh6 Qh4#]
72.Ra7+ The position is equal. **72...Ra3 73.Rxa3+ Kxa3 74.Kg8**



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½-½

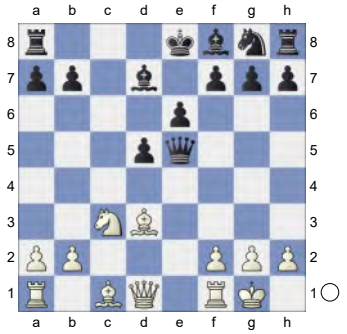
191 **C02**
□ **Borg,Geoffrey**
■ **Nikolic,Predrag**
39/346 Kavala 1985
[Borg,Geoffrey]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6

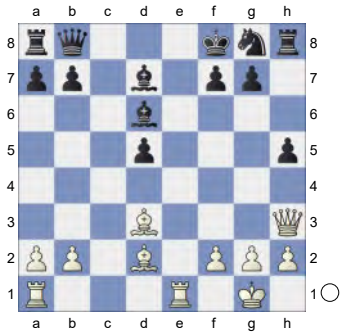


6.Bd3!? cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qxe5!?
[10...a6! 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Rd1!? *(12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Nxd3 15.Rxd3 Qb6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.f5 d4!∓)*]

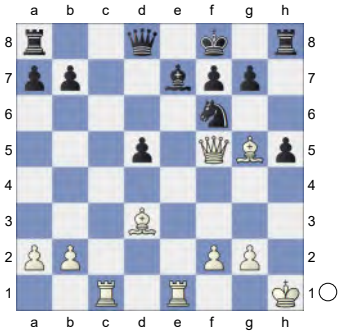
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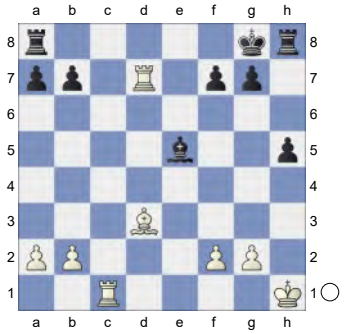
11.Re1 Qb8 12.Nxd5 Bd6 13.Qg4 Kf8 14.Bd2 h5 15.Qh3 exd5?!N
[15...Bc6! 16.Ne3 Nf6
A) 17.Rad1∓ -0.40/16 might be stronger.;
B) 17.Nc4 Bc7 18.Bc3 Nd5 19.Ne5 Nxc3 20.Nxf7 Bxh2+ *(20...Kxf7 21.Qxe6+ Kf8 22.Qf5+ Kg8 23.Bc4+ Bd5 24.Bxd5+ Nxd5 25.Qxd5+ Kh7 26.Qf5+* Chess Informant ECO Survey 2006 *)* 21.Kh1 Ne4 22.Bxe4 Kxf7 23.Bxc6 Rh6 24.Bd7 Be5 25.f4 Bxf4 26.Bxe6+ Kf8 27.Rad1 1-0 (27) Salnikov,V-Prudnikova,S (2265) USSR 55/(271) 1991 CI1-130 [Kuznetsov,I];
C) 17.Bc3∞ -0.75/18]
[15...Nh6 Strongly threatening ...Ng4. 16.Ne3! Inhibits Ng4. Kg8 17.Bc3 *(17.g3!?)* 17...Ng4 0.54/21 *(17...Bc6=* -0.01/20 *)* 18.Nxg4± hxg4 19.Qxg4 Bxh2+ 0.93/24 *(19...Qf8!±* 0.54/20 *)* 20.Kf1± Qf8∞]



16.Qxd7 Bxh2+ 17.Kh1 Nf6 18.Qf5N
[18.Qe7+?! Kg8 19.g3 -1.60/19 *(⌓19.Bc3 -0.93/19)*
A) 19...h4!∓ -1.60/19 keeps the pressure on. 20.Bg6 *(20.g4 Nxg4)* 20...fxg6 21.Qe6+ Kh7 22.Kxh2 Ne4;
B) 19...Ng4∓ 1.17/20]
18...Bd6 19.Rac1!± Against Qc8
19...Qd8 20.Bg5! This bishop pair is nice. **20...Be7?** 0.55/19
[20...Qd7! 21.Bxf6 Qxf5 22.Bxf5! Threatens to win with Bd4. gxf6 23.Red1⩲]
[20...Qd7∓ -0.34/23]

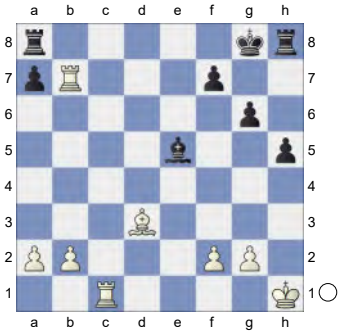


21.Re5! Rce1 is the strong threat.
21...Kg8 22.Bxf6 Remove Defender
[22.Rce1 Bf8
A) 23.Re8 -0.01/22 23.Kg1 0.60 Qxe8 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Qxd5± -0.39/20 *(26.Qxf6=* -0.01/21 should be considered. *Rh6 27.Qg5+ Bg7 28.Qxd5)*;
B) 23.Kg1± 0.53/19;
C) 23.Bxf6 0.11/23 23...Qxf6= 24.Qxf6 gxf6 25.Rxd5±]
22...Bxf6 23.Rxd5
0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **23...Qe8 24.Rd7?!** 0.01/21
[24.Rd7 -0.01/24 24.Bb5 0.80
A) 24...Rd8 0.82/21 24...g6 -0.01 25.Rxd8 0.13/23 *(25.Rxb7±* 0.82/21 *Qe6 26.Qb5)* 25...Bxd8= 26.Qd7+- -15.23/18 *(26.Qd5=* -0.01/19 *g5 27.Qxb7)*;
B) 24...g6!= -0.01/24 25.Qh3 Rc8 26.Rxc8 Qxc8;
C) 24...Bxb2? 10.55/21 25.Bc4+- △g6? 26.Qxg6+!+-]
[24.Rc7± 0.90/21]
24...Qe5 1.13/21
[24...g6= 0.01/21 keeps the balance. 25.Qh3 *(25.Qd5 Rd8∓)* 25...Kg7]
25.Qxe5±
[Don't play 25.Rxb7 Qxf5 26.Bxf5 Rd8±]
25...Bxe5

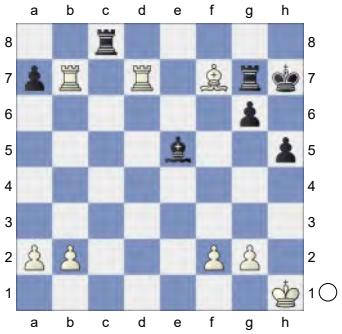


26.Rxb7
[26.Bc4 0.65/20 26.Rc5 1.07 Rf8? 2.62/21 *(26...Kh7!±* 0.65/20) 27.Rxb7? 0.41/20 (Only move: *27.Bxf7+!+-* 2.62/21 *Rxf7 28.Rc8+ Rf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Rd8+ Kf7 31.Rxh8)* 27...g5 1.35/19 *(Better is 27...Rh6±* 0.41/20) 28.b4± Bd4 29.f3± 0.86/18 *(⌓29.Rd1* 1.35/19 *Bxf2 30.Rf1)*]
26...g6

(Diagram)

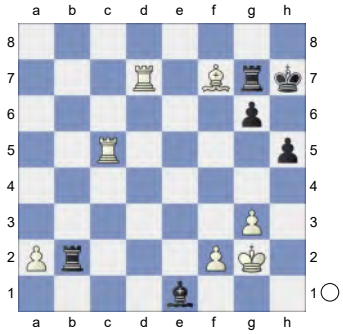


27.Bc4! Rh7 28.Rd1 Rg7! 1.35/21
[⌓28...Rc8 0.78/20 29.b3 Rc7]
29.Rdd7 Kh7 30.Bxf7 And now f4! would win. **30...Rc8**

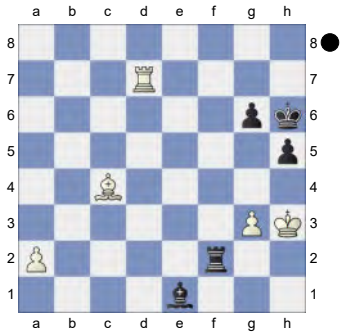


(-> ...Rc1+) **31.g3 Rc2 32.Kg2**
[Much worse is 32.Rxa7?! Rxf2 33.b4 Kh6=]
32...a5
[32...Rxb2 1.62/24 32...a5 1.15 33.Rxa7 Bc3 34.a4!±]
33.Ra7 0.92/22
[⌓33.Rb5 1.24/22 Bxb2 34.Rxa5]
33...Rxb2 1.33/22
[Black should try 33...Kh6 0.92/22]
34.Rxa5 Bc3
[34...Bd4? 1.94/24 34...Bc3 1.28 35.Bxg6+!+-]
35.Rc5 -0.01/26
[35.Ra6! Bxg6+ would kill now. Kh6 36.a4 Be1 1.77/25 *(36...Bd4!±* 0.58/23 *)* 37.Rf6+-]
[35.Ra3± 1.28/22 Bb4 36.Ra6]
35...Be1=

(Diagram)



The position is equal. **36.Rcc7 Rxf2+ 37.Kh3 Kh6** next ...Rf3 is good for Black. **38.Bc4 Rxd7 39.Rxd7**

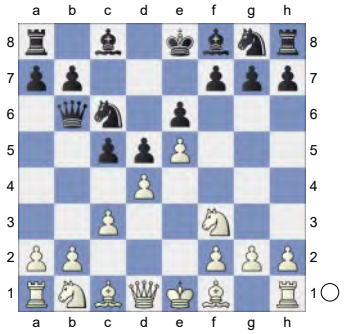


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192 **C02**
□ **Bohak,Janko**
■ **Prevorcic,T**
SLO corr 1977
[Myers]

1.e4 Myers **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**

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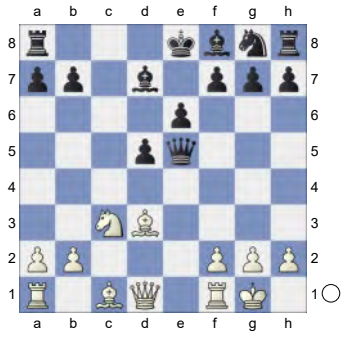


6.Bd3 Milner-Barry Gambit **6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7**

[7...Nxd4? Myers: Not just a theoretical trap, there are a few dozen examples on record. 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Nb3 Bxf2+ 10.Kf1 Ne7 11.Qe2 Bc5 12.Nxc5 Qxc5 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Nf3 b6 15.Be3 Qc7 16.Rc1 Qd7 17.Kf2 Bb7 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Ng5+ Kg8 20.Qh5 Rfd8 21.Qxf7+ Kh8 22.Qh5+ Kg8 23.Qh7+ Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ng8 25.Rhf1 Ke7 26.Qxg7+ Ke8 27.Qxg8+ Ke7 28.Qf7# 1-0 Rambourg,J-Sunthor,S/Calvi U14 FRA 2005/]

8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qxe5?!

[10...a6! 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.Be3 *(13.f4 Nb4 14.Rd1 Nxd3 15.Rxd3 Qb6 16.Be3 Bc5 17.Bxc5 Qxc5 18.Rad1 Bc6 19.f5 0-0-0 20.Qg4 d4 21.fxe6 h5 22.Qh3 fxe6 23.Qxe6+ Kb8 24.Ne2 Rhe8 25.Qh3 Qxe5 26.Qg3 Qxg3 27.Nxg3 h4 28.Nf5 h3 29.Nxd4 Bxg2+ 30.Kg1 Rd5 31.Kf2 Rf8+ 32.Ke3 g5 33.Kd2 Be4* 0-1 Bohak,J-Anton,V/corr ICCF 1982/ *)* 13...Qxe5 14.f4 Qd6 15.Rad1 Be7 *(15...Na5 16.b4 Qc6 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.bxa5 Qxa5 19.f5 Qe5 20.Qd2 Bd6 21.Bf4 Qxf4 22.Qxf4 Bxf4 23.Rxf4 e5 24.Re4 f6 25.Rg4 g5 26.h4 h6 27.Be4* 0-1 Bohak,J-Paskulj,K/corr YUG 1982/*)* 16.f5 e5 *(16...d4 17.Ne4 Qd5 18.Bg5 exf5 19.Bxe7 Nxe7 20.Ng5 Be6 21.Rde1 g6 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Qd2 Qd6 24.Qh6 0-0-0 25.Qg7 Nc6 26.Rc1 Kb8 27.Qxf7 Ne5 28.Qb3 Rhe8* 0-1 Bohak,J-Lutzenberger,R/corr ICCF 1999/*; 16...exf5 17.Bc4 Be6 18.Bf4 Qb4 19.Bxd5 Nd8 20.Bc7 Qg4 21.Rf3 0-0 22.Bxd8 Raxd8 23.Bxe6 Rxd1+ 24.Nxd1 fxe6 25.Qxe6+ Rf7 26.Nf2 Qg6 27.Qb3 Qg5 28.Rc3 Qf4 29.Rc8+ Bf8 30.Kg1 g6 31.Nd3 Qd4+ 32.Kf1 Kg7 33.Rc4 Qd5* 0-1 Bohak,J-Kalinichenko,N/corr ITA 1998/*)* 17.Bc4 Nb4 18.a3 Qc6 19.Bb3 d4 20.Bxd4 exd4 21.Rxd4 Qf6 22.Rxb4 Bc6 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5 0-0 25.Rxb7 Rae8 26.Qf3 Qe5 27.b4 Rd8 28.Bc4 Rd2 29.Qf4 Qxf4 30.Rxf4 Bf6 31.a4 Rc8 32.g3 h5 33.Bxf7+ Kh7 34.Bc4 Bd4 35.Bxa6 Rc1+ 0-1 Bohak,J-Grottke,H/corr ICCF 1974/]



11.Re1 Qd6

[11...Qb8!? 12.Nxd5 Bd6 13.Qh5 Kf8 14.Nc3 Nf6 15.Qh4 h6 *(15...Bc6 16.Bg5 Be5 17.Rad1 h6 18.Be3 Nd5 19.Nxd5 Bxd5 20.b3 a5 21.Bc4 g5 22.Qh5 Bc6 23.Bc5+ Kg7 24.f4 Bxf4 25.Bxe6 Bxh2+ 26.Kh1 Rh7 27.Bf5* 1-0 Bohak,J-Despotovic,M/corr YUG 1974/*)* 16.Be3

Bc6 17.Rad1 Be7 18.Bd4 g5 19.Qh3 Qf4 20.Be5 Qh4 21.Qxh4 gxh4 22.Ne4 Kg7 23.g4 Rhd8 24.f4 Rd5 25.Bc3 e5 26.Nxf6 Bxf6 27.fxe5 Be7 28.Bc4 Rxd1 29.Rxd1 b5 30.Bb3 a5 31.e6+ f6 32.Be1 h3 33.Rd3 a4 34.Bc2 b4 35.Rxh3 Rd8 36.b3 ½-½ Bohak,J-Konca,D/corr SLO-POL 1982/]

12.Nb5! Bxb5

[⩲12...Qb6 Lane 13.Be3 Qa5 14.Bd2 Qd8 15.Bf4 *(15.Rc1 Bc6 16.Bf4 Bb4 17.Nc7+ Kd7 18.Nxa8 Bxe1 19.Qxe1 Qxa8 20.Qe5 Nf6 21.Qc7+ Ke8 22.Bd6 Qd8 23.Rxc6 bxc6 24.Qxc6+ Qd7 25.Qa8+ Qd8 26.Bb5+ Nd7 27.Qc6 f6 28.Bc5 Kf7 29.Qxd7+ Qxd7 30.Bxd7 Rd8 31.Ba4 Rc8 32.b4 a5 33.Kf1 e5 34.a3 Ke6 35.Ke2 e4 36.Ke3 axb4 37.axb4 Ra8 38.Bc6 Ra3+ 39.Kd2 Ke5 40.b5* 1-0 Larocca,H-Lujambio,A/corr ARG 1980/*)* 15...Rc8 16.Nxa7 Rc5 17.Qb3 Bc6 18.Be5 Nf6 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Bd4 Nd7 21.Bxc5 Nxc5 22.Qc3 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Bd6 24.Qc3 0-0 25.Qxc6 Qb8 26.g3 Rc8 27.Qa6 Rc2 28.b3 Qc7 29.a4 h6 30.a5 Be5 31.Ra4 Qc3 32.Re3 Qd2 33.Rf3 Rc1+ 34.Kg2 Qd1 35.Qd3 Qh1+ 36.Kh3 Rg1 37.Rh4 f5 38.Rxf5 Qg2+ 39.Kg4 exf5+ 40.Qxf5 Re1 41.f3 d4 42.a6 Qb2 43.Qe6+ Kf8 44.Rh5 g5 45.Rxh6 Bg7 46.Qxe1 Bxh6 47.Qb4+ Kf7 48.Qb7+ 1-0 Karwath-Schendel,A/corr BRD 1988/]

13.Bxb5+ Kd8 14.Qh5! Qe7

[≤14...g6? 15.Qf3 f6 *(15...f5 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Rac1 Bg7 18.Bc7+ Qxc7 19.Qxd5+ Kc8 20.Qd7+* 1-0 Kobernat,A-Stenzel,H/Hawaii USA 1998/*; 15...Qe7 16.Bd2 Bg7 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.Ba5+ b6 19.Rxd5+ exd5 20.Qxd5+ Kc7 21.Rxe7+* 1-0 Rossner,G-Schmidt,E/corr DDR 1984/ *)* 16.Bf4! e5 *(16...Qe7 17.Rad1 Qf7 18.Rxd5+ exd5 19.Qxd5+ Bd6 20.Qxd6+* 1-0 Mavrikakis,G-Dermentzis,K/Aghia Pelagia GRE 2004/*; 16...Qb6 17.Qxd5+ Bd6 18.Rxe6* 1-0 Rauw,G-De Vleeschauwer,R/Enschede NED 2009/ *)* 17.Rxe5! fxe5 18.Bxe5 Qc5 *(18...Qxe5 19.Qxf8+ Kc7 20.Rc1+* 1-0 Moyer,R-Kaczmarek,B/corr USA 1969/ *)* 19.Ba4 Ne7 20.Bxh8 Kc7 21.Qf4+ 1-0 Sella,C-Nicolini,O/corr ARG 1986/]

[≤14...Nf6?! 15.Qxf7 Qe7 *(15...e5 16.Bg5 Be7 17.Qxg7 Kc7 18.Rac1+ Kb6 19.Be3+ Kxb5 20.Bc5 Qxc5 21.Rxc5+ Bxc5 22.a4+ Ka5 23.Qxb7 Rhb8 24.Qc6 Bd4 25.b4+ Kxb4 26.Rb1+ Ka3 27.Qd6+ Ka2 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Qxb8 h5 30.Qd6* 1-0 Rei,A-Yakhilev,T/corr RUS 1991*/)* 16.Qxe6 Qxe6 17.Rxe6 a6 18.Bd3 Rc8 19.Bg5 *(19.Rb6!? Rc7 20.Bg5 h6 21.Bf4 Rf7 22.Rc1±* Myers *)* 19...Rc6 20.Rxc6 bxc6 21.Bxa6 Bd6 22.Rc1 Kc7 23.Bb5 c5 24.Rd1?! *(24.a4! Kb6 25.f3 Rc8 26.b3 Ne8 27.Be3 Nc7 28.Bd3 Na6 29.g3 g6 30.Kf2±* Myers *)* 24...Rd8 25.Bxf6?! gxf6 26.g3 Be5 27.b3 h6 28.Kf1 Kb6 29.Be2 Ka5 30.Bf3 Bd4 31.a3 Kb6 32.Bg2?! ½-½ Jojua,D-Jirkvalishvili,O/Tbilisi GEO 2001/]

[≤14...Ke7?! 15.Bd2 *(15.Qh4+! f6 16.Bf4 Qb6 17.Qh3 Rc8 18.Rad1 Kf7 19.Rxd5 Ne7 20.Be3+-* Myers *)* 15...f5 16.Rxe6+ Qxe6 17.Re1 Qxe1+ 18.Bxe1 Nf6 19.Qxf5 a6 20.Ba4 b5 21.Bb3 Rd8 22.g4 h6 23.h4 Kf7 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5

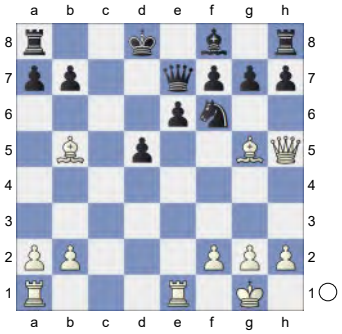
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15.Bg5

[15.Bf4 Nf6 16.Qe5 Qc5 17.a4 a6 18.Bd3 Nd7 19.Qe2 Qb4 20.Bg5+ Be7 21.Bd2 Qh4 22.Ba5+ Ke8 23.Qc2 Bd6 24.g3 Qg5 25.Rad1 Ne5 26.Be2 Qe7 27.Bc3 Rc8 28.Qb3 Qc7 29.f4 Nc6 30.Kg2 h5 31.Bxg7 Rg8 32.Bf6 h4 33.Bh5 hxg3 34.Qxd5 gxh2+ 35.Kxh2 Bxf4+ 36.Kh1 1-0 Kessler,D-Lange,S/corr CiF 1997/]

[15.Bd2!? Nf6 16.Qf3 Qc5 17.a4 Qb6 18.Bc3! Be7 19.Qf4 Qd6 20.Be5 Qb4 21.Qg3± Myers]

15...Nf6



16.Qf3

[16.Qh4 a6 *(16...h6 17.Rad1 Rc8 18.Rc1 e5 19.Qh3 Qe6 20.Rxc8+ Qxc8 21.Bxf6+ gxf6 22.Qf3 Qe6 23.Rd1 e4 24.Qb3 Bd6 25.Rxd5 Kc7 26.Bc4 Kb8 27.Rd4 Qe5 28.Ba6 b6 29.Qxf7 Bc7 30.Qd5 Qxd5 31.Rxd5 Be5 32.b4 Kc7 33.Bc4 Rd8* ½-½ Rudolf,T-Benz,R/corr GER 2003/) 17.Ba4 h6 18.Rad1 Rc8 19.Be3 Qb4 20.Bd4 Be7 21.a3 Nd7 22.Qh5 Qxa4 23.Bxg7 Re8 24.Qxf7 Rc6 25.Rd4 Qc2 26.h3 Qh7 27.Rxe6 Rxe6 28.Qxe6 Qxg7 29.Rxd5 Bc5 30.Qf5 Qe7 31.Rxd7+ Qxd7 32.Qxc5 Re6 33.Qf8+ Kc7 34.Qf4+ Qd6 35.Qc4+ Kb6 36.g3 Ka7 0-1 Weinstock,D-Salmon,N/ Seattle USA 1991/]

16...h6

[16...a6!? 17.Ba4 h6 18.Bh4 b5 19.Bb3 g5 20.Bg3 Bg7 21.Be5 Rc8⇄ Myers]

17.Bh4

[17.Bd2!?]

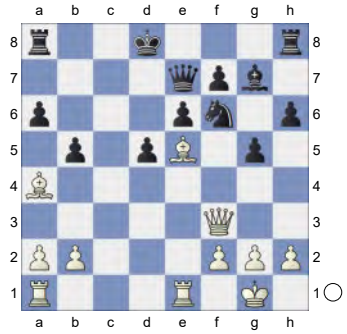
17...g5?

[17...a6!?]

18.Bg3 a6 19.Be5

[19.Ba4! b5 20.Rac1! Ke8 21.Qc3 Ra7 22.Bb3 Bg7 23.Bxd5± Myers]

19...Bg7 20.Ba4 b5



21.Bb3

[21.Qc3! Ra7 22.Rac1 Ke8 23.Bd4± Myers]

21...Rg8

[21...Rc8!?]

22.Rac1 Rc8?

[22...Ke8!?]

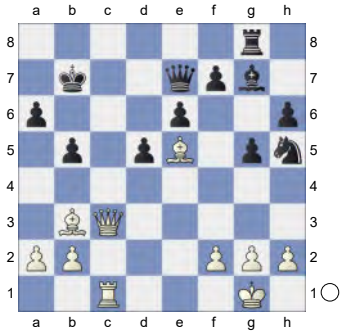
23.Rxc8+?

[23.Qe3! Qb7 24.Rxc8+ Qxc8 25.Rc1 Qb7 26.Rc7 Qxc7 27.Bxc7+ Kxc7 28.Qa7++- Myers]

23...Kxc8 24.Rc1+ Kb7 25.Qc3 Nh5?

[25...Ne4! 26.Qc6+ Ka7 27.Bxg7 Rxg7 28.Qc8 f5 29.f3 Nd6 30.Qc5+ Kb7 31.Qc6+ Ka7 32.Qc5+ Kb7= Myers]

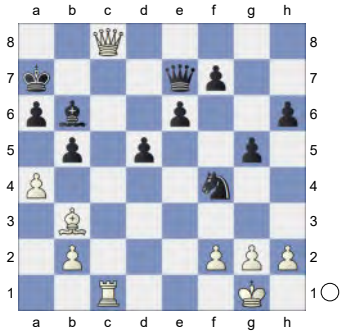
(Diagram)



26.Qc6+ Ka7 27.Bc7! Bd4 28.a4! Rc8□ 29.Bb6+?

[29.axb5! Rxc7 30.Qxc7+ Qxc7 31.Rxc7+ Kb6 32.Rxf7 axb5 33.Bd1 Nf4 34.Re7± Myers]

29...Bxb6 30.Qxc8 Nf4



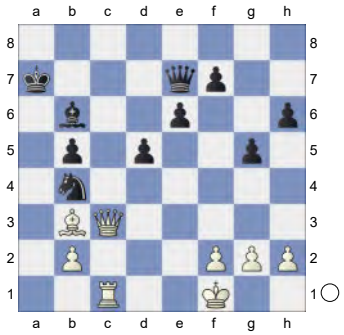
31.Kf1 Nd3 32.Rc2

[32.axb5!? Nxc1 33.Qxa6+ Kb8 34.Qxb6+ Qb7 35.Qd8+ Qc8 36.Qb6+ Qb7= Myers]

32...Nb4?

[32...b4! 33.Qh8 Nc5 34.a5 Bxa5 35.Qd4 Bb6 36.Qxb4 Qd6∓ Myers]

33.axb5 axb5 34.Rc1 Qb7 35.Qc3 Qe7



36.Bd1! d4?

[36...Na6 37.Bh5 b4 38.Qg7 Kb7 39.Re1 Qc5 40.Qxf7+ Nc7 41.g3+- Myers]

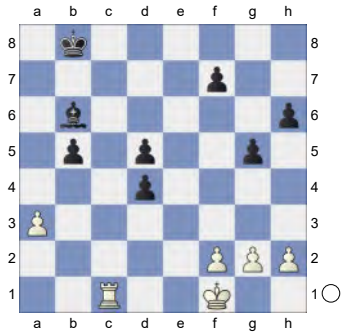
37.Qa3+

[37.Qc8! Ba5 38.Ra1 Kb6 39.Qb8+ Qb7 40.Qxb7+ Kxb7 41.Rxa5+- Myers]

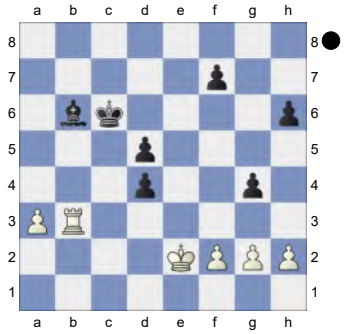
37...Kb8 38.Bf3 Nd5 39.Bxd5

[39.Qa6! Qb7 40.Qxb5 Bc7 41.Qe8+ Qc8 42.Qxc8+ Kxc8 43.Bxd5 exd5 44.Rc5+- Myers]

39...Qxa3 40.bxa3 exd5



41.Rb1 Kc7 42.Rxb5 Kc6 43.Rb3 g4 44.Ke2



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□ **Hort,Vlastimil**

■ **Andersson,Ulf**

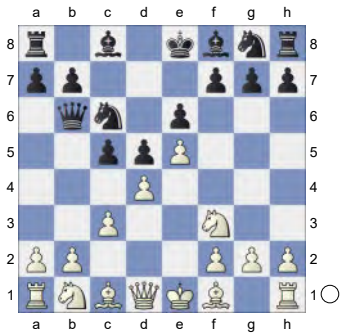
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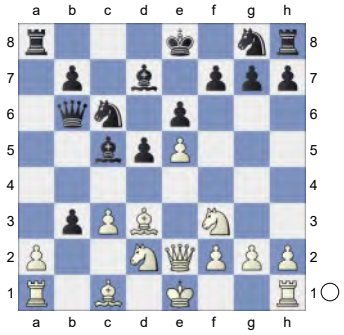
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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

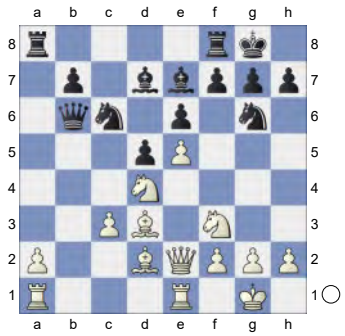


6.Bd3 Bd7
[6...cxd4]
7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qe2 a5 9.Nbd2 a4 10.b4 White is slightly better. **10...axb3!**

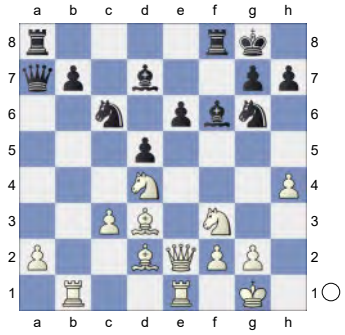


11.Nxb3 Ba3± 12.0-0 Nge7
[12...Bxc1 13.Rfxc1 Nge7 14.c4!±]
13.Bd2 0.22/19
[13.Rb1± 0.53/21 is superior.]
13...Ng6 14.Nbd4 Be7N 0.74/21 Inhibits h4.
[14...Bc5± 0.31/20 deserves consideration.]
15.Rfe1 0.24/21
[15.h4± 0.74/21]
15...0-0=

(Diagram)

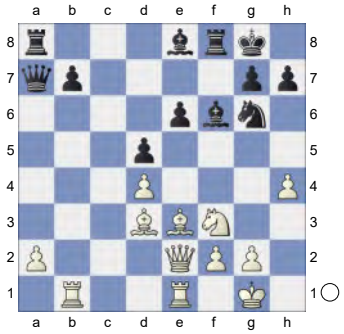


16.h4 f5!?∞ 0.94/20
[16...Nxh4= 0.23/23 17.Nxh4 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Bxh4]
17.exf6± Bxf6 18.Rab1!
[18.Nxe6? And now Rab1 would win. Rfe8 19.Be3! Qa5≅]
18...Qa7

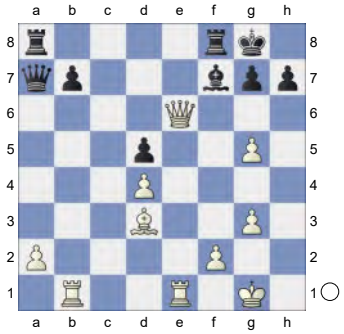


19.Be3! &Bianco is more active.
[19.Nxe6 Rfe8 20.Bf5 Nf8±]
19...Nxd4 20.cxd4 Be8?! 2.26/21
[20...Qxa2 21.Qxa2 Rxa2 22.Bxg6 hxg6 23.Rxb7 Bc8 24.Rc7±]
[20...Nxh4? 21.Nxh4 Bxh4 22.Qh5 Bxf2+ 23.Bxf2+-]
[20...Ne7± 0.90/24 is a better defense.]

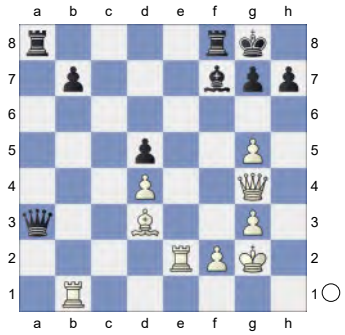
(Diagram)



21.Ng5! 0.96/24
[21.h5+- 2.26/21 and White stays clearly on top.]
21...Bxg5 22.hxg5
[22.Bxg5 Qxd4 23.Rxb7 e5=]
22...Nf4?! 1.69/24
[22...Ne7 1.66/22 22...Rf7 0.89 23.Bd2 Qxd4 24.Rb4!±]
[22...Rf7± 0.97/21]
23.Bxf4+- Rxf4 24.g3 Rf8 25.Qxe6+ Bf7

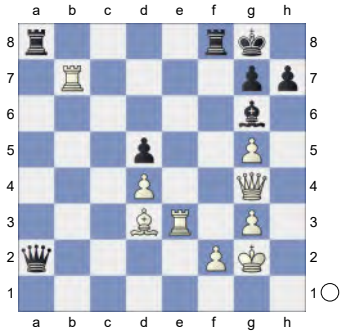


26.Qg4 Strongly threatening Re7.
[26.Qh3! g6 27.Qg4+-]
26...Qxa2 27.Re2
[27.Rxb7 Qd2 28.Rd1 Qxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Bh5+ 30.Qf4 Rxf4+ 31.gxf4 Bxd1±]
27...Qa3 28.Re3 Threatens to win with Bxh7+!
[28.Qf5?! g6 29.Qf3 Ra4±]
28...Qa7? 4.01/23
[28...Qa2 29.Rxb7 Bg6! 2.77/28 *(⌓29...Ra7 1.73/24 30.Rxa7 Qxa7)* 30.Re2 Intending Bxg6 and mate. Qa1+ 31.Rb1! Bxd3 32.Rxa1? 0.19/24 *(32.Qe6++- 2.74/27 Rf7 33.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 34.Re1 Rxe1+ 35.Qxe1)* 32...Rxa1+= 33.Kg2 Qe6+ is the strong threat. Bxe2 1.90/26 *(33...Bf5± 0.93/24 34.Qh5 Bg6)* 34.Qxe2+- Raa8±]
[28...Qa2 1.83/26 might work better. 29.Rf3 *(29.Rxb7 Bh5±)* 29...Bg6 30.Bxg6 Rxf3 31.Qxf3 hxg6 32.Rxb7 Rf8]
29.Kg2→ 1.77/21 White has strong attack.
[⌓29.Re7 4.01/23 g6 30.Rbxb7 *(30.Qh4 Qa3±)* 30...Qa1+ 31.Kh2]
29...Qa2? 8.01/26
[29...g6 1.77/21 30.Bb5 Qb6]
30.Re2? 1.55/23
[30.Rf3+- 8.01/26 is more deadly. Threatening mate with Rh1. g6 31.Qh4 *(31.Rxb7 Ra7+-)*]
30...Qa3±

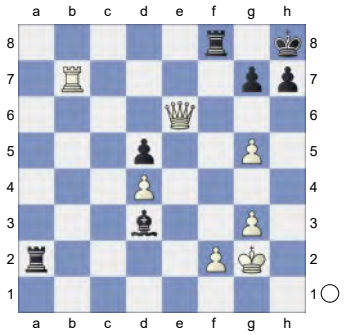


31.Re3 -0.01/19
[Don't play 31.Qf5?! g6 32.Qf3 Be8±]
[31.Bxh7+!+- 1.86/20 Kxh7 32.Rxb7 *(32.g6+? Bxg6 33.Rh1+ Kg8-+)*]
31...Qa2!= 32.Rxb7 Bg6

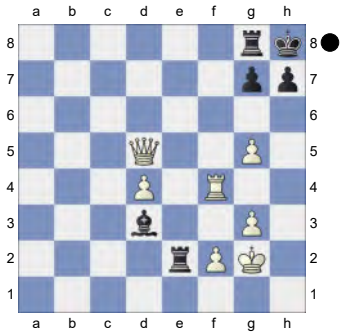
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33.Re2 Bxd3 34.Rxa2 Rxa2 35.Qe6+ Kh8



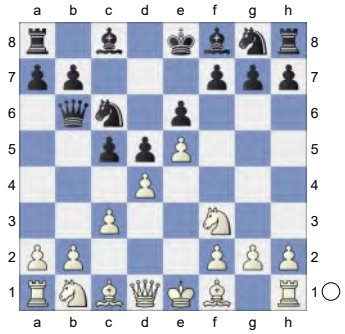
36.Rf7 Rg8 5.27/24
[⌓36...Be4+ 3.67/24 37.Kh3 Raa8]
37.Qxd5+- Re2 Hoping for ...Be4+.
38.Rf4



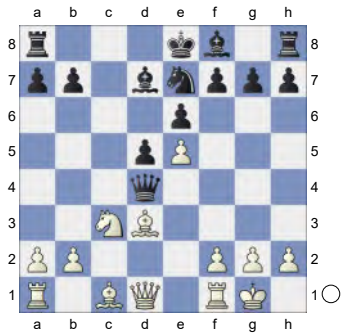
Against Be4+.
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□ **Kleer,Sullyvan**
■ **Mikkonen,Harri**
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[MHM]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Ne7 0.01/18
[10...a6!∓ -0.53/19 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Rd1 Nc6 13.Bxa6 Qxe5 14.Qxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Ba6 Bd6 17.a4 0-0 18.Bf1 Rfc8 19.a5 Nc4 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Rxd5 Be6 22.Bxc4 Bxd5 23.Bxd5 Rb5 24.Bf3 Rxa5 25.Rb1 Be5 Echange-N,N [fabli] (31)]



11.Nb5!= Qxe5 12.f4N -0.86/21
[12.Re1± 0.31/21 stays ahead. Qb8 13.g3 *(13.Qf3 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nc6 15.Qxd5 Qd6 16.Qf3 Be7 17.Bf4*

Qc5 18.a4 Rc8 19.Rac1 Qb6 20.Be3 Qa5 21.Red1 0-0 22.Rd7 Ne5 23.Qd1 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Nxd7 25.Bxd7 Qd5 26.Bb5 Rd8 27.Be2 a6 Lutes-Kholopov,A USSR 26/345 1996 CYB 01 [John Watson] 0-1 (85) *)*]

12...Qb8∓ 13.f5 Black is slightly better.

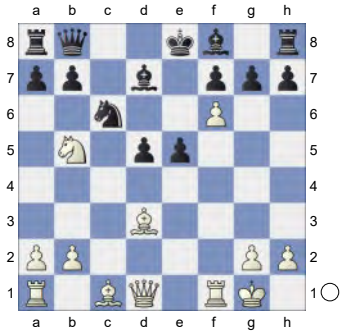
13...e5 -0.06/18

[13...exf5? 14.Bf4 Qxf4 15.Rxf4+-]

[13...Nxf5∓ -1.03/20 Threatens to win with ...Bc5+. 14.Bf4 Bc5+ 15.Kh1 e5]

14.f6!= Nc6 0.47/18

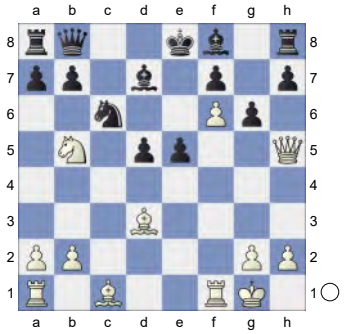
[14...gxf6!= 0.01/18 15.Rxf6 Ng8]



15.Qh5 -0.52/21

[15.Be4!± 0.47/18 gxf6 *(15...d4 16.fxg7)* 16.Bxd5]

15...g6!∓



16.Qh4 -1.50/20

[16.Bxg6!∓ -0.51/19 fxg6 17.f7+ Kd8 18.Qh4+ Ne7 19.Nc3]

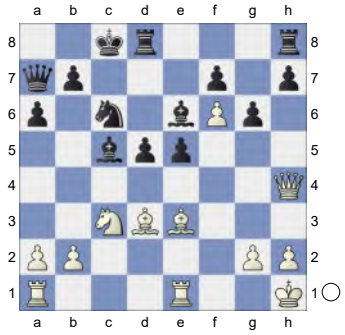
16...a6∓ 17.Nc3 Qa7+ 18.Kh1 Be6

19.Re1 -1.88/19

[19.Rd1∓ -1.51/17 was necessary.]

19...0-0-0-+ 20.Be3 Bc5

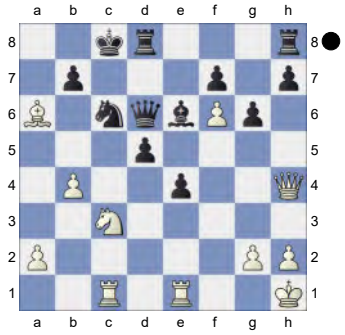
[20...d4 21.Bg1]



21.Bxc5 Qxc5 22.Rac1 Qd6 -1.33/18

[22...Kb8-+ -1.92/18 23.Na4 Qb4 24.Qxb4 Nxb4]

23.b4∓ e4 24.Bxa6



Strongly threatening Nb5. **24...Kb8!**

[24...bxa6 0.01/19 24...Kb8 -1.27 25.b5]

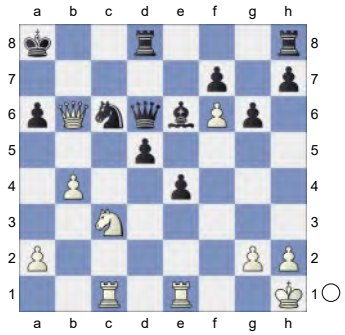
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25.Qf2 -2.30/20

[25.Bf1∓ -1.42/18]

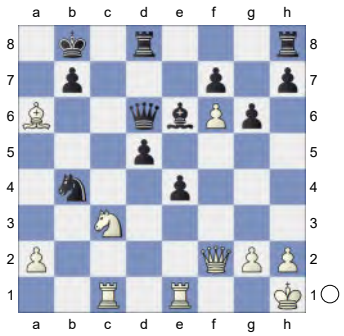
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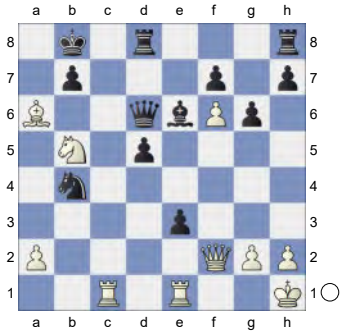


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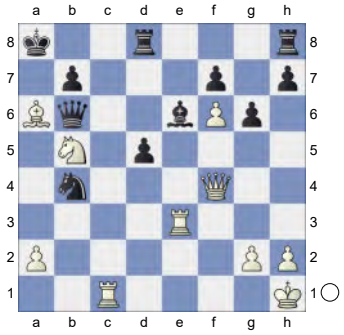
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26.Nb5+- e3? 9.10/27

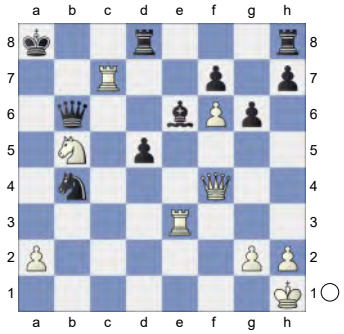


Loses the game. **27.Rxe3!** White is clearly winning. **27...Qb6 28.Qf4+ Ka8**

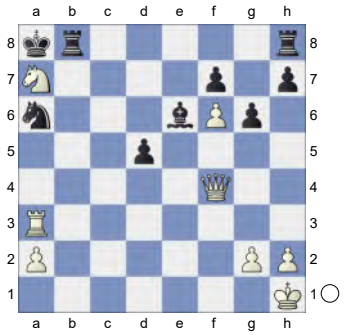


29.Bxb7+ Decoy **29...Kxb7 30.Rc7+**
[Not 30.Rxe6 fxe6 31.Qxb4 Kb8 32.Qf4+ Ka8+-]
30...Ka8

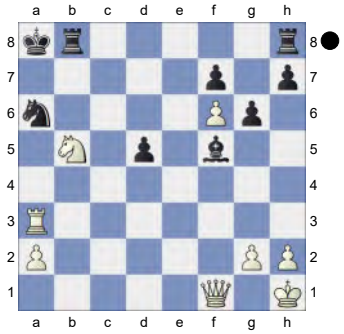
(Diagram)



31.Ra3+ Na6 32.Ra7+ Qxa7 33.Nxa7 Rb8



34.Qf1! Threatening mate with Nc8!
34...Bf5 Inhibits Nc8. **35.Nb5**



Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.61
1-0

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□ **Tal,Mihail**
■ **Stahlberg,Gideon**
37: Television Game 1961
[Mikhail Tal]

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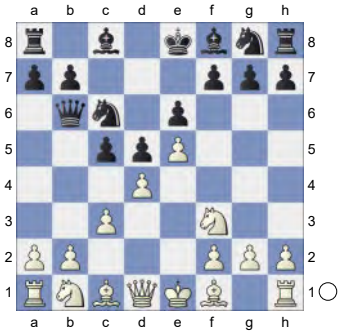
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6.Bd3

[In recent times 6.a3 has been met more often, but after

A) 6...Nh6 7.b4 cxd4 8.Bxh6 gxh6 9.cxd4

A1) 9...Rg8 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.Na4 Qd8 12.g3 f6 13.Bd3 fxe5 *(13...Rg4 14.0-0 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Rxd4 16.Qh5+ Ke7 17.exf6+→)* 14.dxe5 Rg7;

A2) 9...Bd7;

B) 6...c4 it is difficult for White to undertake anything active. The move in the game involves the sacrifice of a pawn.]

[6.Be2 Nge7 7.Na3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nf5 9.Nc2]

6...cxd4 ChessBase II: 'Tal'

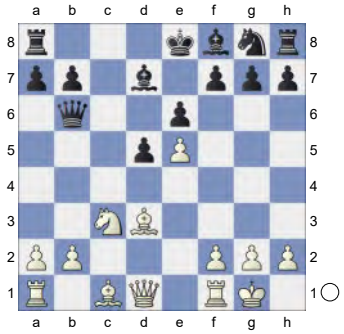
[6...Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 1-0 (34) Tal,M-Stahlberg,G Stockholm 1960 EXT 2016 [ChessBase II]]

7.cxd4 Bd7 ChessBase II: '1-0 (33) Tal, M-Stahlberg,G Stockholm 1960 Tal Games [Tal]' **8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4**

10.Nc3 Qb6

[It is dangerous to accept the sacrifice of the second pawn, since after 10...Qxe5 11.Re1 Qd6 12.Nb5 Qb8 13.Qf3 White's initiative appears most imposing.]

[However, the move in the game is not the best. Strongest, perhaps, is 10...a6 , after which considerable efforts are still required of White in order to drive the queen from her active post on d4. 11.Qe2 Ne7 12.Kh1 Nc6 13.f4 Nb4]



11.Qg4 h5 12.Qg5

[12.Qe2 Tal Ne7 13.Bg5 Nc6 14.Kh1 d4 15.Ne4 -1.48/19 *(15.Nb5∓* -0.35/20 *)* 15...Qa5? 0.75/20 *(15...Nxe5∓* -1.48/19 and life is bright. *16.Rfd1 h4)* 16.f4± Qa4 1.25/19 *(16...h4±* 0.68/17 *)* 17.f5± Qa5 18.Rae1 Be7 1.72/19 *(18...exf5±* 1.26/19 is a better defense. *19.Nd6+ Bxd6 20.exd6+ Kf8)* 19.Bd2 1.04/20 *(*Better is *19.Bxe7+-* 1.72/19 *Kxe7 20.Qf2)* 19...Qb6 1.40/19 *(*Black should play *19...Qxe5* 1.04/20 *20.Qf3 0-0-0)* 20.b4 0.30/19 *(20.f6±* 1.40/19 *gxf6 21.exf6)* 20...0-0-0? 2.21/20 *(20...Nxe5=* 0.30/19 *21.fxe6 fxe6)* 21.a4? 0.49/20 *(21.f6!+-* 2.21/20 *gxf6 22.exf6 Bxb4 23.Rb1)* 21...Bxb4 1.83/20 0-1 Perdomo,L-Suarez,D/Moreno U18 ARG 1995/

*(*Black should try *21...exf5±* 0.49/20 *22.a5 Qc7)*]

[12.Qf4 Tal g6 13.Be3 -0.48/19 *(13.h3=* -0.10/19 *)* 13...Bh6∓ 14.Qg3 Bxe3 15.fxe3 Ne7 16.Kh1 -1.04/18 *(16.Rf2∓* -0.40/17 *)* 16...0-0-0 17.Rxf7 -0.57/19 *(17.Qf4∓* -1.03/19 *)* 17...Nf5∓ 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Rc1 Qxb2 -0.01/22 *(19...Kb8∓* -0.88/21 *20.b3 Rhg8)* 20.Qe1= Bc6 21.Rb1 Qc2 22.Nb5 Rd7? 2.09/21 *(22...Bxb5=* 0.01/23 *23.Rc1 Qc4)* 23.Nd6+? -0.01/22 *(23.Nxa7++-* 2.09/21 *Kb8 24.Rc1 Qxc1 25.Qxc1 Rxf7 26.Nxc6+ bxc6 27.Qxc6)* 23...Rxd6?? 5.06/22 *(23...Kc7!=* -0.01/22 *24.Nb5+ Bxb5)* 24.exd6+- Threatening mate with Rc7+. Rg8 25.Rc7+ Kb8 26.Rbxb7+ 1-0 Lammer,S-Juricevic,A/Ybbs OST 2001/]

12...g6 In this position the first interval was announced.

[12...Qd8?! 0.15/19 12...Ne7 -0.21 Tal 13.Nb5! Qxg5 14.Bxg5 f6 15.Nc7+ Kd8 16.Nxa8 fxg5 17.Rfc1 And now Rc7 would win. Bc6 18.b4 Bxb4 19.Rab1 a5! 20.Nb6 -0.44/21 *(20.Rb3=* 0.01/22 *)* 20...Ne7∓ 21.Rb3! Rf8 22.Rc2? -2.04/22 *(22.a3!∓* -0.53/21 *Bd2 23.Rc5)* 22...Nf5!-+ aiming for ...Nd4. 23.Bxf5 Rxf5 24.g4 Rxe5 25.a3 Bd6 26.gxh5 g4 27.f3 Rxh5 28.Rd3? -5.91/22 *(28.fxg4* -2.44/21 nothing else works. *Rh4 29.h3)* 28...Bc7 29.Na8 Bb8 30.fxg4 Rh8 31.Rf3 -5.77/22 *(⌓31.Rb3* -3.91/19 *Ba7+ 32.Kf1)* 31...Ke7 32.Kf1? -6.39/21 *(32.Nb6* -3.52/19 *)* 32...d4 33.Rb3 Bxh2 34.Nb6 Bf4 35.Rxc6 -7.48/21 *(⌓35.Rc5* -4.55/19 *Rh1+ 36.Ke2)* 35...bxc6-+ 36.Nc4 e5 37.Nxa5 Kd6 38.a4 e4 39.Nb7+ Kd5 40.a5 d3 41.Kg1 d2 42.Rb1 e3 0-1 Watson,J-Popel,S/Lincoln USA 1969/]

13.a4!

[At the moment the sacrifice of a piece 13.Bxg6 -0.77/20 13.Rd1 -0.11 fxg6 -0.35/20 *(13...Be7!∓* -0.77/20 *14.Qg3 fxg6 15.Qxg6+ Kf8)* 14.Qxg6+∓ Kd8 does not work.]

[With 13.a4 White appears to be intending to play -- 14.Nb5 , but this is not the basic aim of the move.]

[After 13.a4 , as soon as Black plays ...a6, a serious defect immediately appears in his position – his queen is undefended. In particular, on a6 here, possible is the immediate ChessBase II: 'Tal' *(13...Be7!? 14.Qf4 a6∓)* 14.Bxg6! fxg6? 2.02/20 *(14...Be7=* -0.01/20 and Black has nothing to worry. *15.Qg3 h4)* 15.Qxg6++- Kd8 16.Nxd5! with an irresistible attack. ChessBase II: '→' ChessBase II: 'Tal']

13...Bh6 0.14/20

[Stronger perhaps was 13...Be7! ChessBase II: ' ⌓' ChessBase II: '(Tal) Tal' 14.Qf4 Qb4 15.Nb5 Kd8? 4.52/19 although even then White⇗s position is worth the sacrificed pawn. Inhibits Nc7. *(15...Qxf4 16.Bxf4 Bxb5 17.Bxb5+ Kd8∓* Myers; *15...Qxf4∓* -0.36/21 keeps the upper hand. *16.Bxf4 Bxb5 17.axb5 Bc5)*]

[13...Be7 -0.25/19 was preferrable. 14.Qg3 Nh6]

14.Qh4= a6 All the same Black could not refrain from making this move.

[14...Bg7 Fritz 5.00 (5s) 15.a5 Qc7 16.Bf4∓]

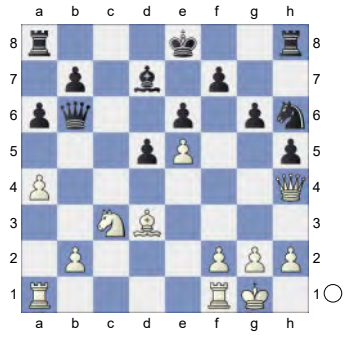
[⌓14...Qd8!? Tal]

[14...Bxc1 Tal 15.Raxc1 a6 16.b4 Rc8 0.41/21 *(16...Qd8!=* 0.01/19

is superior. *17.Qf4 Ne7)* 17.b5± a5 0.81/20 *(17...Ne7± 0.31/21)* 18.Ne2± Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Qd8 20.Qd4 Black must now prevent Qa7. b6 21.Qe3 Ne7 22.Nd4 h4 23.h3 Rg8 1.85/23 *(23...Kf8± 1.06/21)* 24.Qh6+- Nf5 25.Qh7 0.85/24 *(25.Bxf5+- 1.99/25* is the precise move to win. *gxf5 26.Nf3)* 25...Kf8± 26.Bxf5 0.01/23 *(26.Nc6!± 0.70/22 Qg5 27.Rc2)* 26...gxf5? 2.02/22 *(26...Qg5!=* 0.01/23 and Black stays safe. *27.f4 Qxf4)* 27.f4? 0.04/22 *(27.Qh6++-* 2.02/22 *Ke8 28.Nf3)* 27...Qe7!= 28.Rc7 Qb4 (-> ...Qe1+) 29.Nf3 Prevents Qe1+. Qxf4 30.Rxd7 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+ 32.Kh1 1-0 Rakaczki,C-Baranyai,S/Hungary HUN 2008/]

15.Bxh6 Overworked Piece **15...Nxh6**

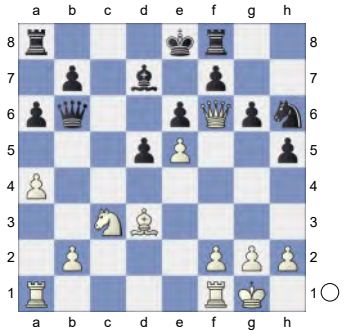
[No better was 15...Rxh6 . . Komodo 9 64-bit (20s): ' ⩲!?' Komodo 9 64-bit (20s): 'Fritz 5.00 (5s)' ChessBase II: '!?' ChessBase II: 'Tal' 16.b4 Qc7∓]



16.Qf6 Rf8 1.22/20

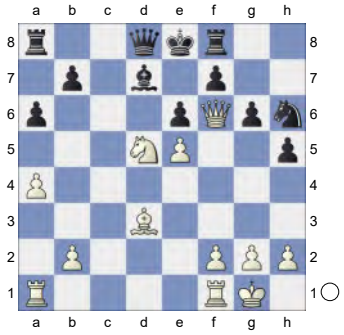
[⩲16...Rg8 0.90/20]

(Diagram)



17.Nxd5!± Pin **17...Qd8**

[After 17...Qc5 Komodo 9 64-bit (20s): 'Fritz 5.00 (5s)' ChessBase II: '?' ChessBase II: 'Tal'. Hoping for ... Ng4. 18.Ne3 Komodo 9 64-bit (20s): '=' Qe7 19.Qf4 White has a clear advantage. ChessBase II: '+-' ChessBase II: 'Tal']



Inhibits Qe7+. **18.Qf4!** 0x0.00175a7b6234dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **18...exd5 19.Qxh6 Qe7**

[19...Qh4!? Tal]

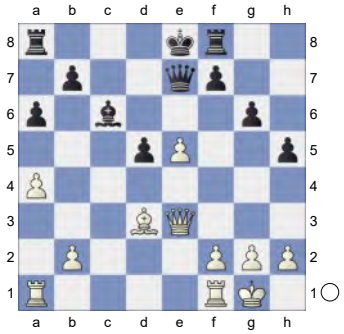
20.Qe3

[More accurate was 20.Qf4 . Here the game was adjourned for the second time. ChessBase II: ' ⩲' ChessBase II: 'Tal Tal: '⩲!?"]

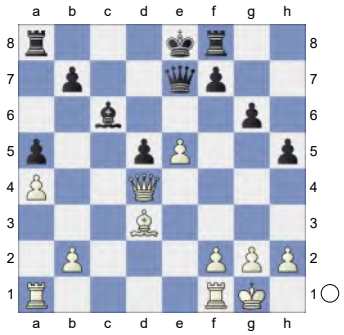
20...Bc6 1.61/19

[The active 20...Qb4 would have caused White more difficulties. ChessBase II: ' ⩲!?' ChessBase II: '(Tal) Tal']

[20...Qb4± 1.10/19 keeps fighting.]



21.Rac1 1.26/19
[On 21.Qd4 I didn't like a5



followed by. Against b4 22.-- 0.55/19 *(22.Bb5!+- 1.61/19)* 22...Qb4 .]
[21.Rfe1!? Tal]
[21.Qd4+- 1.61/19]

21...Rg8 1.75/20
[21...Qb4 Fritz 5.00 (5s) 22.Rfe1 e6 is the strong threat. Qxb2 2.29/19 *(22...0-0-0± 1.20/20)* 23.e6= 0.94/16 *(23.Qc5+- 2.29/19* has better winning chances. *)*]
[21...Qb4± 1.26/19 might work better.]

22.f4 0.93/21
[22.Qb6 Fritz 5.00 (5s) Kf8± *(22...Qxe5?? 9.47/24 22...Kf8 1.35 23.Rfe1 Qe6 24.Rxe6+ fxe6 25.Bxg6+ Kd7 26.Bf7+-; 22...Bxa4 23.Rc7 Bd7 24.Qxb7+-)*]
[22.Rfe1!? Tal]
[22.Qd4+- 1.75/20]

22...Kf8? 4.34/21
[⌓22...d4 1.64/20 22...Qb4 1.18 23.Qxd4 Rd8+-]
[22...Qb4 Fritz 5.00 (5s) 23.e6±]
[22...Rg7 Tal 23.Rfe1 0.97/20 *(23.Qd4+- 2.07/21* and White stays clearly on top.*)* 23...Kf8 1.36/20 *(⌓23...Qb4 0.97/20)* 24.Qd4± Kg8 25.a5 Re8 26.b4± Myers]
[22...Qb4± 0.93/21 is more resistant.]

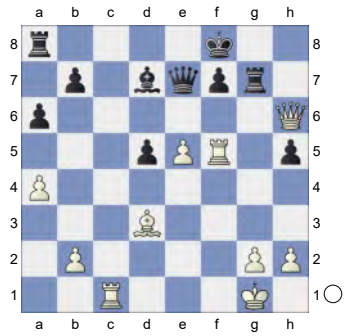
23.f5+-
[23.Qd4? 1.64/18 23.f5 4.27 Fritz 5.00 (5s) Rc8± 2.32/18 *(⌓23...a5 1.64/18 24.f5 gxf5)*]

23...gxf5
[23...Bxa4?? 15.46/21 23...gxf5 3.67 Fritz 5.00 (5s) 24.Qh6+ Ke8 25.fxg6 fxg6 26.Bxg6+ Kd8 27.Bf7+- *(27.Qxh5?! 3.46/21 27.Bf7 16.34 Rc8+-)*]
[23...g5!? Tal]

24.Qh6+
[Not, of course, 24.Rxf5? 1.94/22 24.Qh6+ 4.65 Rxg2+! .]

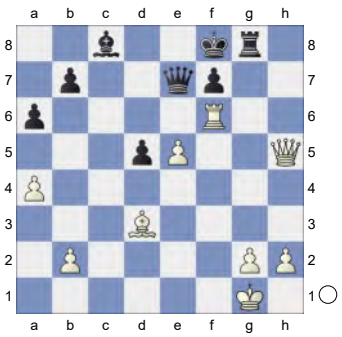
24...Rg7
[24...Ke8?? 6.41/20 24...Rg7 4.14 Tal 25.Rxc6 bxc6 26.Qxc6+ Kf8 27.Qxa8++- Myers]

25.Rxf5 Bd7
[⌓25...Rd8!?± 8.08/22 25...Bd7 4.15 Fritz 5.00 (5s)]

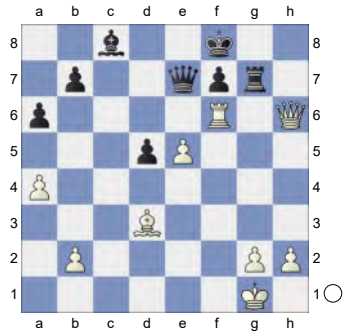


At this moment both players had about 5-6 minutes remaining, so I decided to try to complicate the game still further, so as to force Black to solve more complex

problems. Against e6 **26.Rc7 Qe6**
[Reckoning on 26...Qe6 27.Qxh5? -3.58/20 *(27.Qh8++- 4.07/22 Rg8 28.Qxh5)* 27...Qb6+ , but White has an intermediate check at his disposal.]
27.Qh8+
[Less strong is 27.Rf6 Qg4 28.Bg6 Qd4+ 29.Rf2 *(29.Kf1 Qd1+ 30.Kf2 Qd4+ 31.Qe3 Qxb2+ 32.Rc2 Qb4±)* 29...Kg8 30.Rxd7 *(30.Bxh5 Be6±)* 30...Qd1+ 31.Rf1 Qd4+ 32.Kh1 Rxg6 33.Qxh5 *(33.Qf4 Qxf4 34.Rxf4 Re8±)* 33...Qe4+-]
27...Rg8 28.Qxh5 Dancing on a razor blade.
[After 28.Qxh5 , it turns out that Qb6+ 14.07/24 is answered by the simple *(⌓28...Rc8 4.27/26)* 29.Kh1 , and both rooks are immune.]
28...Rc8
[28...Rg7 Tal. Threatens to win with ... Qb6+. 29.Rxb7]
29.Rxc8+ 1.90/21
[⌓29.Rxb7 makes it even easier for White ChessBase II: '!?' ChessBase II: 'Tal' Rg7 *(29...a5 9.71/23 29...Rg7 4.24 Fritz 5.00 (5s) 30.Rf6+-; 29...Rc1+? 30.Kf2 d4 31.Rxd7 Qxd7 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Qxc1+- Myers)* 30.Rf6+- Qg4 31.Qxg4 Bxg4 32.Bxa6+- Myers]
[⌓29.Rxb7 4.60/24 Rg7 30.Rf6]
29...Bxc8 30.Rf6 Against Qg6 **30...Qe7**

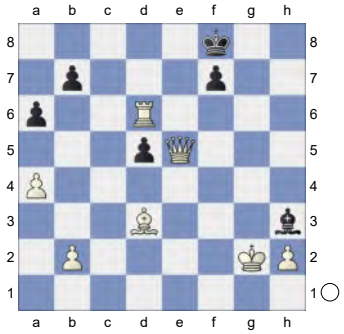


31.Qh6+ 1.33/23
[31.b4!? Tal]
[Don't do 31.Qh7?! Be6±]
[31.h3+- 1.90/19]
31...Rg7? 3.42/20
[⌓31...Ke8 Fritz 5.00 (5s): '!?'
A) 32.Qe3 1.01/20 32.Qh7 1.33 Fritz 5.00 (5s) Rh8± 1.80/20 *(32...Rg4± 1.01/20)*;
B) 32.Qc1 Bh3±]
[31...Ke8± 1.33/23 was worth a try.]

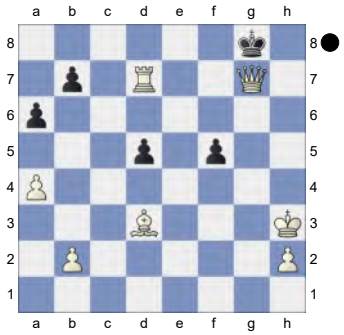


Loses the game. **32.Rd6!** Now Qf6 is threatened. **32...Qxe5** #6/15
[Black was hoping with 32...Qxe5? #6/14 32...Bd7 2.52 to confuse matters in the case of 33.Rd8+? 3.96/5 *(33.Qh8+ #6/14 mates Rg8 34.Qxe5 Rxg2+ 35.Kxg2 f5 36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Rd8+ Kh7 38.Rh8#)* 33...Ke7+- 34.Rxc8 Qd4+ 35.Kh1 White threatens Rc7+ and mate. Qxd3 , but White's reply is immediately decisive.]
[32...Bd7 praying for a miracle Fritz 5.00 (5s): ' ⌓' 33.Qf6 Be8 *(33...Bxa4± Fritz 5.00 (5s))* 34.Rxd5 Qc7 35.Qd6+ Qxd6 36.exd6 Bd7+-]
[32...Bd7+- 3.54/26 33.h4 *(33.Rxd5 Bc6±)* 33...Bxa4]
33.Qh8+ Rg8N 34.Qxe5 Rxg2+
[34...Be6 Fritz 5.00 (5s) 35.Qf6 Rxg2+ 36.Kxg2 Bd7 37.Rxd7 b6 38.Qxf7#]

35.Kxg2 White mates. **35...Bh3+**



36.Kxh3 f5 37.Rd7 Kg8 38.Qg7#



1-0 (38) Tal,M-Stahlberg,G Stockholm 1961 Life and Games of Tal [Mikhail Tal]. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.92

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□ **Tal,Mihail**

■ **Stahlberg,Gideon**

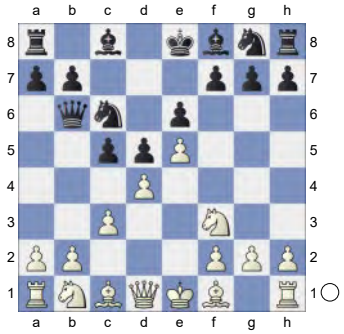
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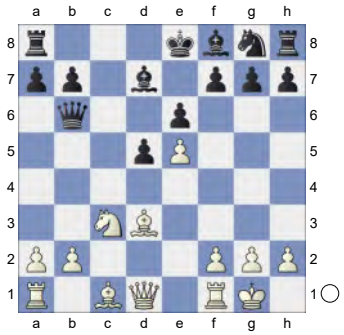
C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6

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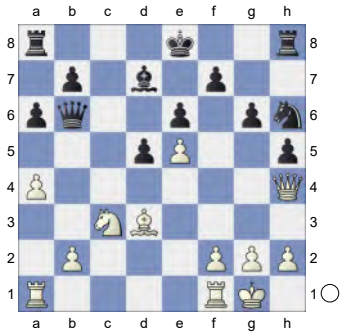


6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qb6



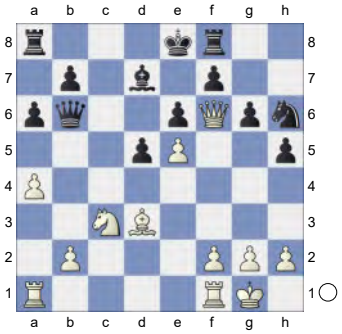
11.Qg4 h5 12.Qg5 g6 13.a4 Bh6 The position is equal. **14.Qh4 a6 15.Bxh6** Overworked Piece **15...Nxh6** 0.83/18

[15...Rxh6= 0.23/20 16.b4 Qc7]

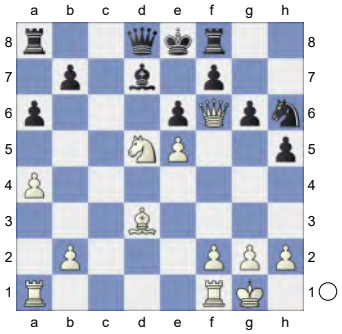


16.Qf6± Rf8

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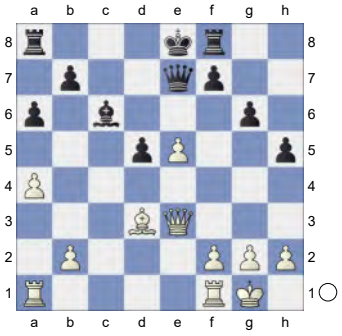


17.Nxd5! Pin **17...Qd8N**



Inhibits Qe7+. **18.Qf4!** 0x0.002259de3500dp-1022s more active pieces. The black rooks are badly placed. **18...exd5 19.Qxh6 Qe7 20.Qe3 Bc6** 1.50/17

[Black should try 20...Qb4 0.88/17]



21.Rac1 Rg8 1.59/18

[⌓21...Qb4 1.28/16 22.e6 Qd6]

22.f4 0.87/17

[White should play 22.Qd4 1.59/18]

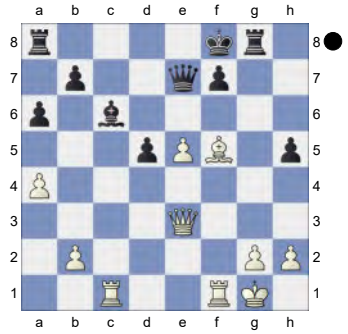
22...Kf8? 4.25/19

[22...Qb4± 0.87/17]

23.f5+- gxf5 aiming for ...Rxg2+! **24.Qh6+**

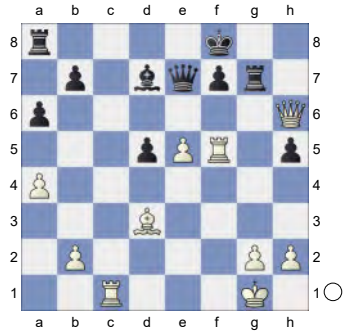
[24.Rxf5 Ke8±]

[24.Bxf5



Rxg2+! 25.Kh1 d4 26.Qh6+ Rg7+ 27.Rxc6 bxc6 28.Qh8+ *(28.Rg1? Qxe5 29.h4 Rd8-+)* 28...Rg8 29.Qh6+ Rg7 30.Qh8+ *(30.Rg1? Qxe5 31.h4 Rd8-+)* 30...Rg8 31.Qh6+ Rg7=]

24...Rg7 25.Rxf5 Bd7



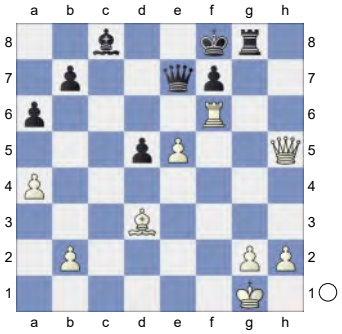
Inhibits e6. **26.Rc7** Threatens to win with Rxd7! **26...Qe6 27.Qh8+**

[Weaker is 27.Rf6 Qg4 28.Bg6 Qd4+ 29.Rf2 *(29.Kf1 Qd1+ 30.Kf2 Qd4+ 31.Qe3 Qxb2+ 32.Rc2 Qb4±)* 29...Kg8 30.Rxd7 *(30.Bxh5 Be6±)* 30...Qd1+ 31.Rf1 Qd4+ 32.Rf2 *(32.Kh1 Rxg6 33.Qxh5 Qe4±)* 32...Qd1+ 33.Rf1 Qd4+ 34.Kh1 Rxg6 35.Qxh5 *(35.Qf4 Qxf4 36.Rxf4 Re8±)* 35...Qe4+-]

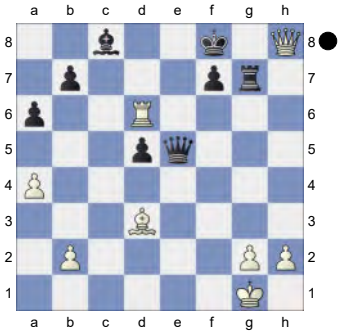
27...Rg8 28.Qxh5 Rc8 29.Rxc8+ 1.86/21 Chess con chili.

[⌓29.Rxb7 3.76/20 Rg7 30.Rf6]

29...Bxc8 30.Rf6↑ Against Qg6. White has strong initiative. **30...Qe7**



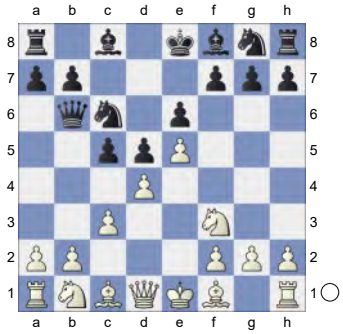
31.Qh6+ 1.03/20
[Much less strong is 31.Qh7?! Be6±]
[31.h4+- 2.06/20]
31...Rg7 2.44/18
[31...Ke8± 1.03/20 was worth a try.]
32.Rd6 Qxe5 #6/14
[32...Bd7+- 2.68/21 33.h4 *(33.Rxd5 Bc6±)* 33...Bxa4]
33.Qh8+



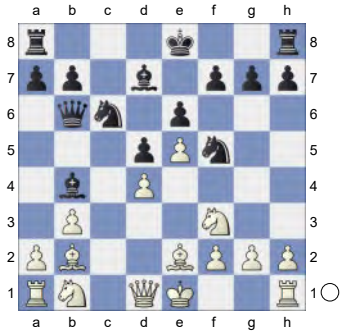
Weighted Error Value: White=0.24 (precise) /Black=0.86
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197 **C02**
□ **Paulsen,Louis**
■ **Tarrasch,Siegbert**
ILLUSTRATIVE GAME NO. 19 1888
[Nimzowitsch,Aron]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6
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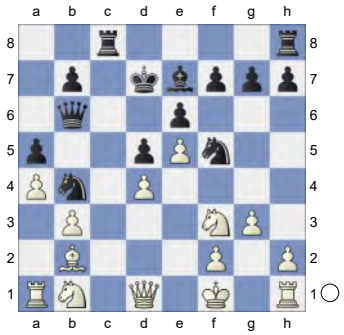


6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7 9.b3 -0.50/22
[9.Nc3= -0.01/22 feels stronger.]
9...Nf5∓ 10.Bb2 Bb4+

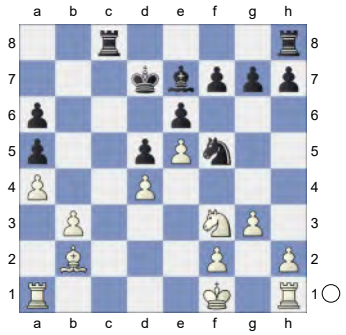


11.Kf1 (Forced, for otherwise the d-pawn falls.). The position is equal. **11...Be7** (In order to keep up the pressure on the d-pawn (12.g4 Nh4), but Black should have played to take direct advantage of White's spoiled Kingside with 11...0-0!) **12.g3 a5?** (In order to exploit the new "weakness" at b3. The only pity is that this point is no weakness; he should have gone for the weakened White King's position.)
[12...Rc8 13.Kg2 0-0 14.h4 h5 15.Bd3 f6 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Nc3 Be6 18.Re1 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 f4 21.Na4 Qa5 22.Rc1 fxg3 23.fxg3 b5 24.Nc3 d4 25.Qxd4 Bc5 26.Qd2 Rf2+ 27.Qxf2 Euwe,M-Smyslov,V The Hague/Moscow 1948 MainBase [Euwe/Schlüricke] 0-1 (44)]
13.a4 Rc8 14.Bb5 (The square b5 now becomes a good pivot for White's pieces.

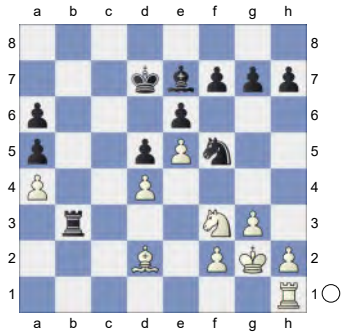
) **14...Nb4** -0.13/21
[14...0-0∓ -0.74/18]
15.Bxd7+N (Quite wrong) Quite wrong.
[With 15.Nc3 White could have overcome all his difficulties. For instance 15.Nc3 Bxb5+ *(15...Na6 16.Kg2 Nc7 17.Be2 Bb4 18.Na2 Na6 19.Bd3 Ne7 20.Rc1 Nc6 21.Nxb4 Naxb4 22.Bb1 h6 23.g4 Ne7 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Ne1 Rf8 26.Nd3 f6 27.Nxb4 Qxb4 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Bc1 Nc6 30.g5* Bielczyk,J-Drechsler,A Baku 1912 SOS/game of the month [El Gindy,E] 1-0 (41) *hxg5 31.Bxg5 Rf8 32.Be3 Qe7 33.Qg4 Qf6 34.Rg1 Rh8 35.Kh1 Rh4 36.Qg3 Rxd4 37.Bxd4 Nxd4 38.Qxg7 Qf3+ 39.Qg2 Qxg2+ 40.Rxg2 Nxb3 41.h4* 1-0 (41) Nimzowitsch,A-Tarrasch,S San Sebastian 1912 My Great Predecessors 1 [Garry Kasparov]*)* 16.Nxb5 Nc2? 3.26/23 *(16...Rc2=* -0.01/19 and Black is okay. *17.Ba3 Rc6)* 17.Rc1+- Nce3+ 18.fxe3 Nxe3+ 4.86/24 *(18...0-0* 3.13/21 was called for.*)* 19.Ke2+- Nxd1 20.Rxc8+ Kd7 6.32/25 *(⌓20...Bd8* 4.40/25 *21.Rxd1 0-0)* 21.Rxh8+- Nxb2 22.Rc1 and wins. Inhibits Qc6.]
15...Kxd7



16.Nc3 Nc6 -0.01/21
[16...Qa6+∓ -0.47/20 17.Kg2 h5]
17.Nb5 Na7 18.Nxa7? (Never in this life should White have relinquished his Nb5.)
[Instead 18.Qd3 Nxb5 19.axb5 would have sufficed. We can see what harm Black's a-pawn has done him.]
18...Qxa7 19.Qd3 -1.27/23
[19.g4= 0.09/22 keeps the balance. Nh4 20.Nxh4 Bxh4 21.Kg2]
19...Qa6!∓ 20.Qxa6 (Now we shall see how a weakened "base" becomes a weakness in the endgame.) **20...bxa6**

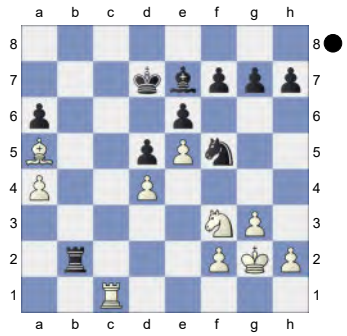


21.Kg2 Rc2 22.Bc1 Rb8 23.Rb1 Rc3 &Nero is much more active. The white rooks are badly placed. **24.Bd2 Rcxb3 25.Rxb3 Rxb3**

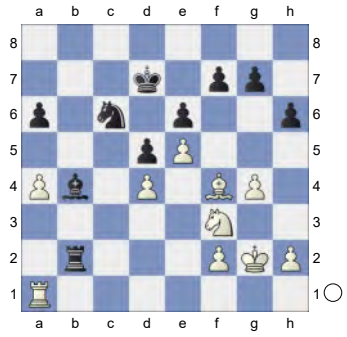


26.Bxa5 -1.78/26 (Now White is happily rid of his weakness at b3 on an open file! But the pawns on a4 and d4 are hard to defend.)
[26.g4∓ -1.25/25 Nh6 27.g5 *(27.h3 Bb4∓)*]
26...Rb2 -1.24/24
[Not 26...Ra3 -0.85/23 26...Bb4 -1.62 because of 27.Rc1]
[26...Bb4-+ -1.78/26 27.Bxb4 Rxb4]

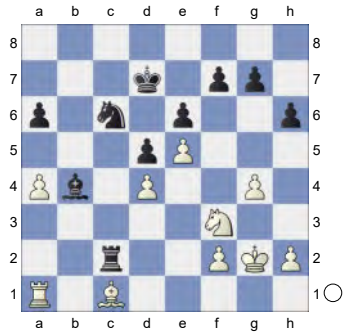
27.Bd2
[27.Rc1 -2.29/25 27.Ra1 -1.19



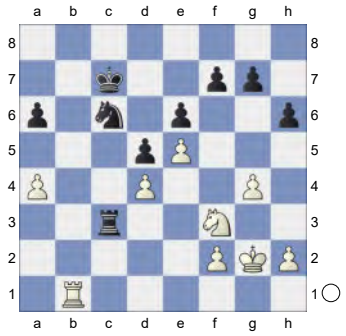
Ne3+! 28.Kg1 Nc4]
27...Bb4 28.Bf4 h6 -1.23/24 (There is no harm in this; Black's position can stand this little weakness. The pawn on h6 is now a possible objective.)
[Better is 28...Ra2 -1.60/22 29.g4 Ne7]
29.g4 Ne7 30.Ra1 Prevents Ra2.
30...Nc6



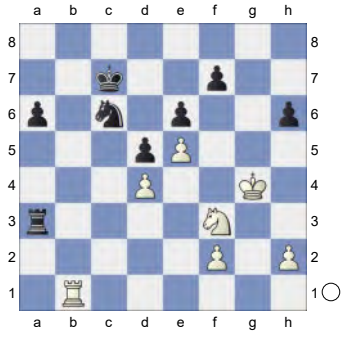
31.Bc1 Rc2



...Bc3 is the strong threat. **32.Ba3** -2.18/25 Loses the game.
[32.Be3∓ -0.73/22]
32...Rc4-+ (32...Bxa3 would have been simpler.) **33.Bb2 Bc3 34.Bxc3 Rxc3∓** Endgame KRN-KRN **35.Rb1** -2.22/23
[35.h4∓ -1.45/23]
35...Kc7-+



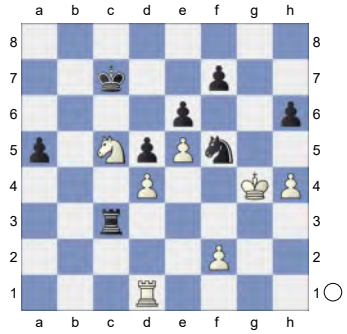
36.g5 -2.96/23
[36.Ra1 -2.01/23 is the only way for White.]
36...Rc4 (Finally!) **37.gxh6 gxh6 38.a5** -2.87/23
[⌓38.Ra1 -2.00/24]
38...Ra4
[Weaker is 38...Nxd4 39.Nxd4 Rxd4 40.Rb6∓]
39.Kg3 (A last desperate attempt to continue the attack begun by 36.g5)
39...Rxa5 and Black won as follows:
[Not 39...Nxd4 40.Nxd4 Rxd4 41.Rb6=]
40.Kg4 Ra3



Against Rb3 **41.Rd1 Rb3 42.h4 Ne7 43.Ne1 Nf5 44.Nd3** -3.33/23
[44.Ng2 -2.37/22 was worth a try.]
44...a5
[44...Nxd4 45.Nc5 Rc3 46.Nxa6+

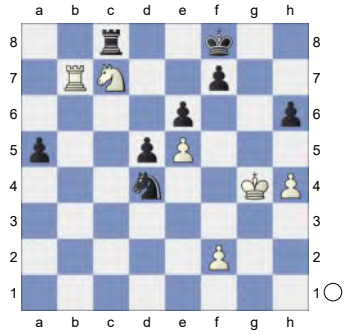
Kb7 47.Rxd4∓]

45.Nc5 Rc3

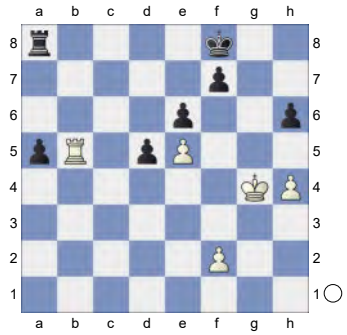


Hoping for ...Rc4. **46.Rb1 Nxd4 47.Na6+ Kd8 48.Rb8+ Rc8**

Threatens to win with ...Rxb8. **49.Rb7 Ke8 50.Nc7+ Kf8**



51.Nb5 Nxb5 52.Rxb5 Ra8



We recommend to the student to study this well-played ending by Dr. Tarrasch.

Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

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198 **C02**

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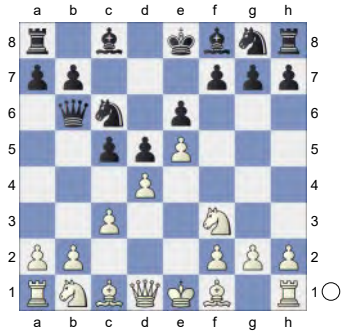
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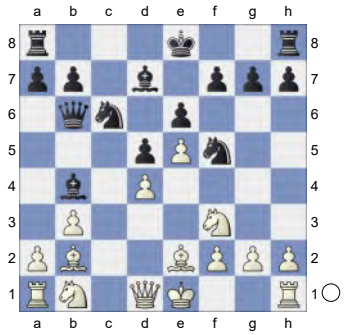
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C02: French: Advance Variation

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7 9.b3 Nf5 10.Bb2 Bb4+



11.Kf1 Black is slightly better. **11...Be7 12.g3** -0.60/21

[12.h4= -0.17/18 deserves consideration.]

12...Rc8N -0.18/20

[12...0-0∓ -0.60/21 13.Na3 f6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Nc2 Be8 16.h3 Bg6 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.Ba3 Be7 19.Bb2 Nd6 20.Bd3 Ne4 21.Kg2 Rxf3 22.Qxf3 Rf8 0-1 (22) Tarakanov-Vaibhav,J USSR 5/555 1920 ZUS C73 [Arghyadip Das]]

[12...a5 13.a4 Rc8 14.Bb5 Nb4

15.Nc3 Na6 16.Kg2 Nc7 17.Be2 Bb4 18.Na2 Na6 19.Bd3 Ne7 20.Rc1 Nc6 21.Nxb4 Naxb4 22.Bb1 h6 23.g4 Ne7 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Ne1 Rf8 26.Nd3 f6 27.Nxb4 Nimzowitsch-Tarrasch St. Sebastian (Game 18) pg.190 1912 1-0 (41)]

13.Kg2= 0-0 14.h4 -0.92/21

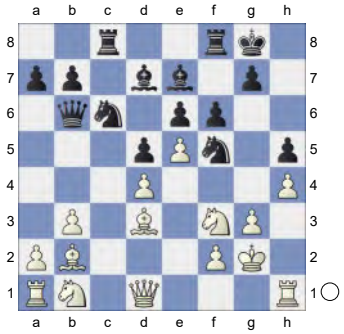
[14.Bd3= -0.06/21]

14...h5 -0.03/22

0x0.00175a7b62a0dp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed.

[14...f6∓ -0.92/21 ...fxe5 is the strong threat. 15.Nc3 *(15.g4? Nfxd4 16.Nxd4 fxe5-+)* 15...Ncxd4 16.Nxd4 *(16.Nxd5? exd5 17.Nxd4 fxe5-+)* 16...Qxd4 17.Qxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Bxd4 fxe5 20.Bxe5 Rc2]

15.Bd3 f6



With the idea ...fxe5. **16.Bxf5 exf5**

17.Nc3 Be6 0.67/20

[17...Qa5= 0.24/22]

18.Re1 0.18/22

[18.exf6± 0.67/20 Bxf6 19.Na4]

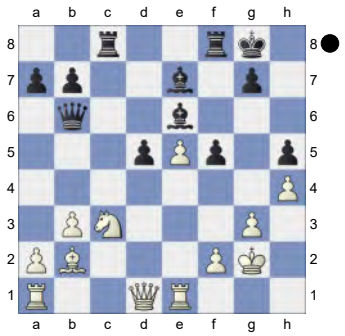
18...fxe5! 19.Nxe5 0.01/21

[19.dxe5± 0.46/22 was preferrable. d4 20.Ne2 *(20.Na4 Qb4∓)*]

19...Nxe5 20.dxe5 -3.66/23

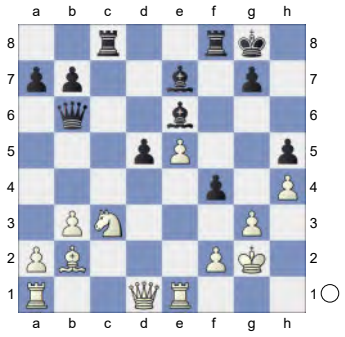
[20.Rxe5= -0.01/23 and White has nothing to worry. f4 21.Qxh5 *(21.Nxd5? Bxd5+ 22.Rxd5 Qc6-+)*]

(Diagram)



This costs White the game. **20...f4!-+**

[20...d4 21.Ne2∓]



21.Na4

[Not 21.Nxd5? Qc6 22.f3 Bxd5-+]

21...Qa5 22.Rc1 fxg3 23.fxg3 b5 24.Nc3 -5.96/22

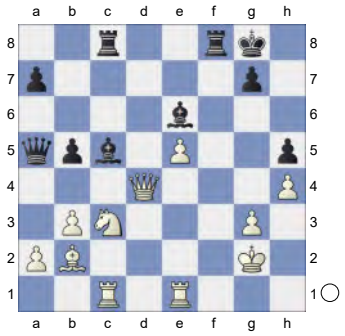
[24.Rxc8 -3.34/24 was worth a try. Rxc8 25.Nc3]

24...d4 25.Qxd4 -7.01/24

[25.Ne4 -3.45/22 Qxa2 26.Qxd4]

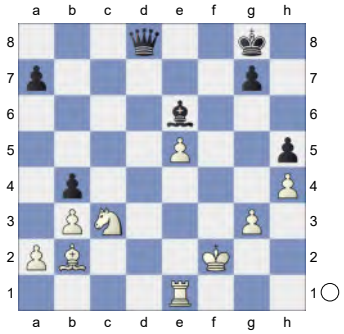
25...Bc5

[And not 25...Qa6 26.Qd2-+]

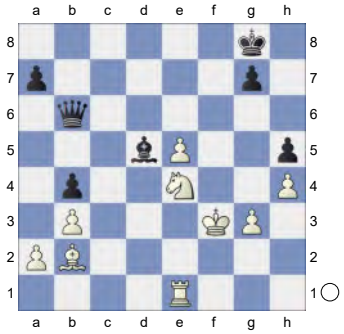


This bishop pair is nice. **26.Qd2 Rf2+ 27.Qxf2 Bxf2 28.Kxf2 Rd8 29.Rcd1**

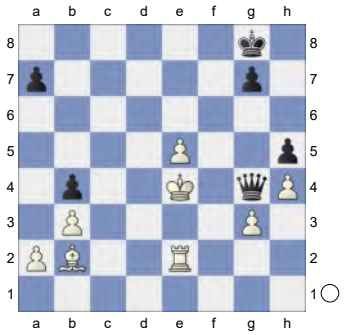
Inhibits Rd2+. **29...b4 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8**



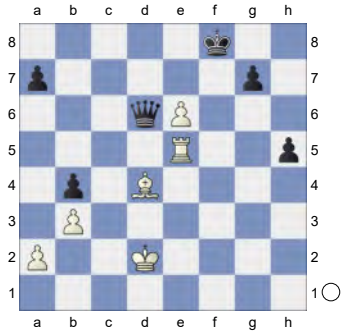
31.Ne4 Qb6+ 32.Kf3? -6.64/23
[32.Re3 -3.43/22 Qa5 33.Rd3 Qxa2 34.Rd2 Qxb3 35.Ng5]
32...Bd5



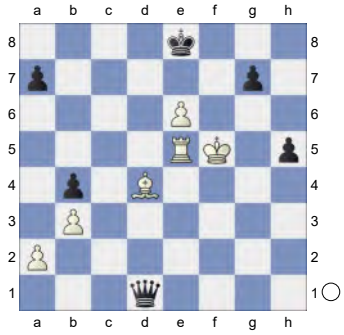
White must now prevent ...Qg6. **33.Re2 Qe6 34.Ke3 Bxe4 35.Kxe4** Endgame KQ-KRB **35...Qg4+**



36.Kd3 Qxg3+ 37.Kd2? -5.92/24
[37.Re3 -3.41/24 was the only chance. Qg6+ 38.Re4]
37...Qxh4 38.e6 Qe7 39.Bd4 Kf8 aiming for ...h4. **40.Re5** Threatens to win with Bc5. **40...Qd6** -2.29/20
[⌓40...Qf6 -5.00/24 41.Bc5+ Ke8 42.Rxh5 g5 43.Bxa7 Qb2+ 44.Kd3 Qc3+ 45.Ke2 Qc2+ 46.Ke3 Qxa2 47.Rh8+ Ke7]



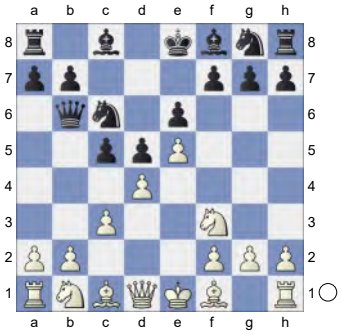
41.Ke3 Hoping for Bc5. **41...Ke8** Strongly threatening ...h4. **42.Ke4** -7.18/24
[⌓42.Rxh5 -4.01/22 Qg3+ 43.Kd2]
42...Qc6+ Black is clearly winning.
43.Kf4 Qc1+ 44.Kf5 Qd1



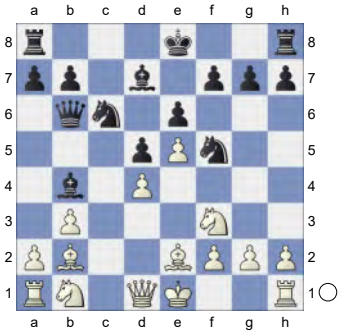
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199 **C02**
□ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
■ **Tarrasch,Siegbert**
ILLUSTRATIVE GAME NO. 20 1912
[Nimzowitsch,Aron]

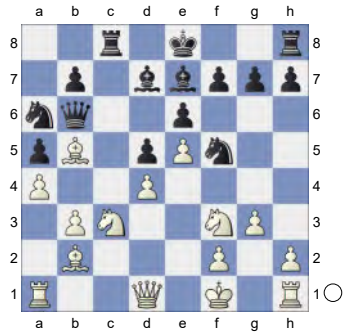
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(Diagram)



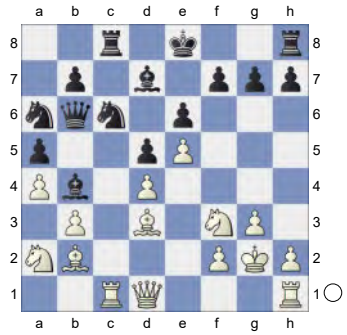
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7 9.b3 -0.39/20
[9.Nc3= -0.01/21 should be considered.]
9...Nf5∓ 10.Bb2! Bb4+



11.Kf1 Black is slightly better. **11...Be7 12.g3** -0.56/20
[12.h4= -0.23/16 deserves consideration.]
12...a5
[12...Rc8 13.Kg2 0-0 14.h4 h5 15.Bd3 f6 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Nc3 Be6 18.Re1 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 f4 21.Na4 Qa5 22.Rc1 fxg3 23.fxg3 b5 24.Nc3 d4 25.Qxd4 Bc5 26.Qd2 Rf2+ 27.Qxf2 Euwe,M-Smyslov,V The Hague/Moscow 1948 MainBase [Euwe/Schluricke] 0-1 (44)]
13.a4 Rc8 14.Bb5 Nb4 0.01/20
[14...0-0∓ -0.74/18]
15.Nc3N
[15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.Nc3 Nc6 17.Nb5 Na7 18.Nxa7 Qxa7 19.Qd3 Qa6 20.Qxa6 bxa6 21.Kg2 Rc2 22.Bc1 Rb8 23.Rb1 Rc3 24.Bd2 Rcxb3 25.Rxb3 Rxb3 26.Bxa5 Rb2 27.Bd2 Bb4 28.Bf4 h6 29.g4 Ne7 12.♘d2 g6 13, ♗d7 ♘d7 14-Zapf,H 5. ♘c3 ♘d5 1888 The Week in Chess 444 [Schiller,E; Blatny,P] 0-1 (62) 30.Ra1 Nc6 31.Bc1 Rc2 32.Ba3 Rc4 33.Bb2 Bc3 34.Bxc3 Rxc3 35.Rb1 Kc7 36.g5 Rc4 37.gxh6 gxh6 38.a5 Ra4 39.Kg3 Rxa5 40.Kg4 Ra3 41.Rd1 Rb3 42.h4 Ne7 43.Ne1 Nf5 44.Nd3 a5 Paulsen,L-Tarrasch,S ILLUSTRATIVE GAME NO. 19 1888 [Nimzowitsch,Aron] 0-1 (52)]
15...Na6
[15...Bxb5+ 16.Nxb5 Nc2? 2.65/21 see the note to move 15 in Illustrative Game No. 19. *(16...Rc2=* -0.12/17 *17.Ba3 Rc6)*]



16.Kg2 Nc7 17.Be2 Bb4 18.Na2 Na6! 19.Bd3 Ne7 0.75/19
[19...Be7= 0.24/18]
20.Rc1± Nc6



21.Nxb4 Naxb4 22.Bb1 (White has

now overcome the difficulties of development, the base d4 is now thoroughly protected. The game can now take another course. White opens an attack agains the Black Kingside which is cramped by the pawn at e5.) **22...h6 23.g4** 0.55/19 (To make castling appear unhealthy. The maneuver Rc3-e3 was perhaps even better here.)

[23.Qd2± 1.00/21]

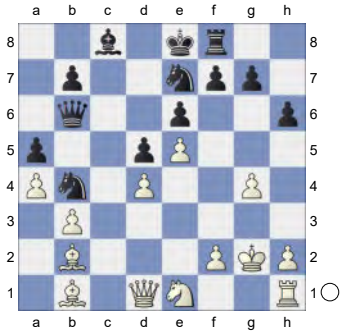
23...Ne7 0.98/20

[23...0-0± 0.55/19]

24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Ne1 0.56/18

[25.Ba3± 0.95/20]

25...Rf8



26.Nd3 0.48/17

[White should play 26.h4± 0.81/18]

26...f6 27.Nxb4

[27.Re1 with more complications. f5 28.Nc5 Qc7 29.g5]

27...Qxb4 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Bc1 -0.09/20 (The courage required to deliberately let oneself be kept under pressure for hours, simply for the sake of a remote chance of attack, now has its reward. White gets a direct attack. Note the dark-squared Bishop which has been roused to activity.)

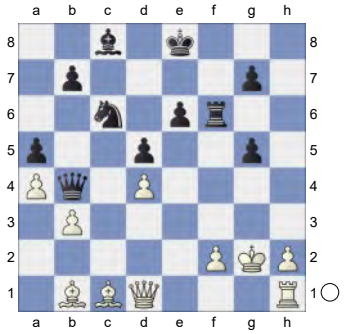
[29.f3± 0.41/18]

29...Nc6 0.98/20

[29...e5!= -0.09/20 keeps the balance.]

30.g5 hxg5

(Diagram)



31.Bxg5 Rf8 32.Be3 This bishop pair is nice. **32...Qe7** 0.90/20

[32...e5!± 0.41/19 might be stronger.]

33.Qg4↑ Keeping Black busy. **33...Qf6** 1.52/20

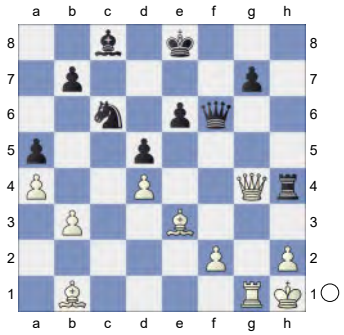
[⌓33...Kd7 0.94/21]

34.Rg1 0.97/22

[⌓34.Rc1 1.52/20]

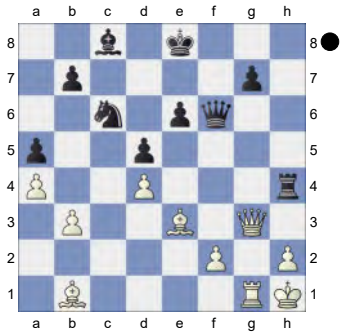
34...Rh8 35.Kh1 Rh4 1.88/23

[35...Kf8± 0.99/21]

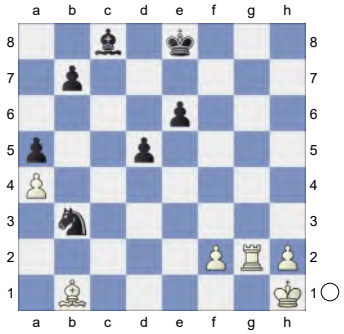


36.Qg3+-

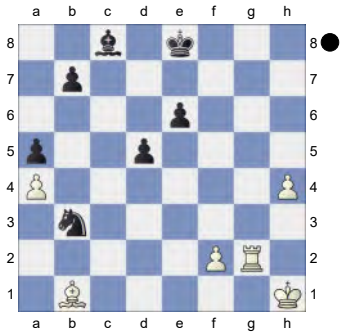
[And not 36.Qxg7 Qf3+ 37.Qg2 *(37.Rg2 Qd1+ 38.Rg1 Qf3+ 39.Rg2 Qd1+ 40.Rg1 Qf3+=)* 37...Nxd4=]



Bg5 is the strong threat. **36...Rxd4** (Despair! Both 37.Qxg7 and 37.Bg5 were threatened.)
[36...Nxd4? 37.Bg5 Qf3+ 38.Qxf3 Rxh2+ 39.Kxh2]
37.Bxd4 Nxd4 3.50/22
[⌓37...Qxd4 2.22/24 38.Qg6+ *(38.Qxg7 Qxf2 39.Qg2 Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 e5±)* 38...Kf8]
38.Qxg7 Qf3+ 39.Qg2 Threatens to win with Qxf3.
[Weaker is 39.Rg2 Qd1+ 40.Rg1 Qf3+ 41.Qg2 Bd7 42.Qxf3 Nxf3+-]
39...Qxg2+ 40.Rxg2 Nxb3 9.63/23
[⌓40...Kf7 4.30/22 41.h4 e5]



41.h4

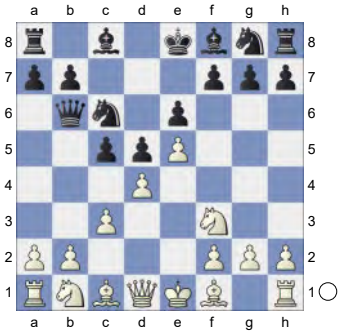


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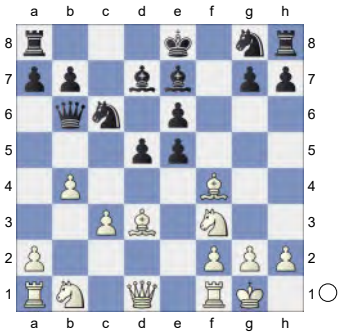
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200 **C02**
□ **Borloy,Zoltan**
■ **Pribyl,Josef**
Voronezh op 16th 02.12.1911
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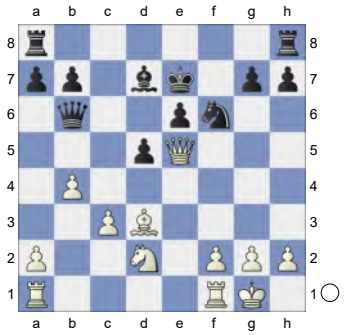
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6



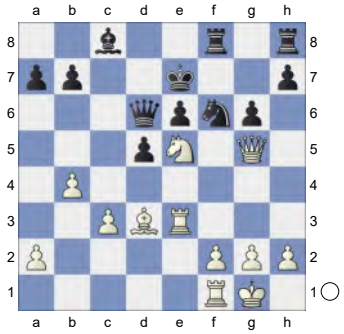
6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 f6 9.b4 Be7 10.Bf4 fxe5



11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bf6N 1.23/19
[Black should try 12...Nf6± 0.70/21 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Nf3 Bd6 *(14...a5 15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.Rb1 Qa7 17.Ng5 g6 18.Rb2 Rxa2 19.Bd4 b6 20.Bxg6 Rxb2 21.Qh5 e5 22.Bxe5 Rxf2 23.Qxh7+ Nxh7 24.Bxh7#* 1-0 (24) Sertic,R-8. ♕d2 ♗e6 9.000 a6_65668 Seefeld 1938 200 Traps In The Opening [IainMackintosh]*)* 15.Qe2 Rac8 16.Bd4 Qc7 17.Ne5 Be8 18.Rae1 Bxe5 19.Bxe5 Qc6 20.Bd4 Bd7 21.Qc2 Rf7 22.Re3 b6 23.Rg3 Kh8 24.Bxh7 e5 25.Bg6 Re7 26.Re1 Qd6 27.Be3 d4 Nimzowitsch,A-Salwe,G 15 1911 [Nimzowitsch/Keene] 1-0 (39)]
13.Qh5+± Ke7 14.Nd2 &Bianco is much more active. **14...Bxe5 15.Qxe5** The board is on fire. **15...Nf6**

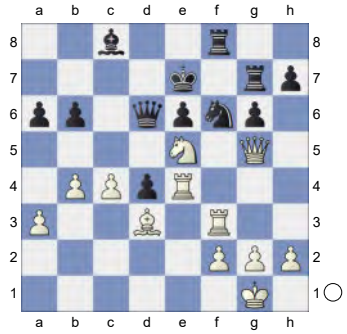


16.Rae1 Rae8 1.60/18
[⌓16...Rac8 1.06/18]
17.Nf3 Qd6 18.Qg5 g6 2.49/20
[⌓18...Kd8 1.83/18 19.Qxg7 Qf4]
19.Ne5+- Bc8? 3.68/18
[19...Rhf8 2.14/18 20.c4 Kd8]
20.Re3 Ref8

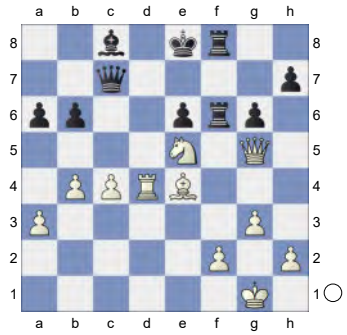


21.Rf3 Rhg8 4.29/21
[⌓21...d4 3.02/17 22.Bc2 Bd7]
22.Re1 Rg7 23.a3 a6? 6.00/23
[23...a5 2.98/21 24.h4 b6]
24.c4 d4 25.Re4 b6

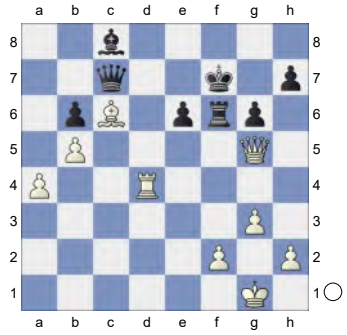
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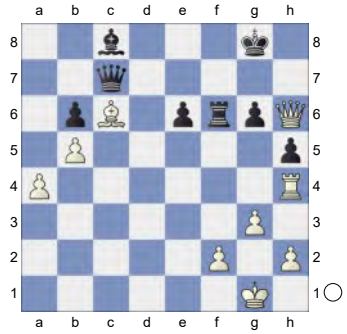
26.Rxf6! Rxf6 27.Rf4 Rgf7 28.Rxd4 Qc7 29.Be4? 2.68/21
[29.Rh4 7.15/22 Qd6 30.h3]
29...Rf8 6.70/22
[29...Ke8 2.68/21 30.f4 Rf5 31.Bxf5 *(31.Nxf7 Rxg5 32.Nxg5 Kf8∓)* 31...Rxf5]
30.g3 Ke8 9.70/20
[⌓30...R8f7 4.16/23 31.Ng4 e5]



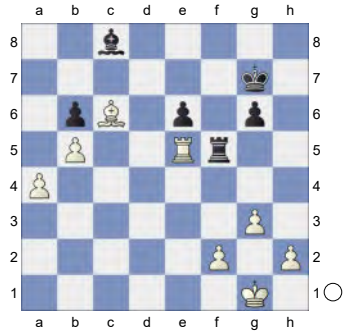
31.Bc6+ Ke7 32.b5 axb5 33.cxb5 R8f7 34.a4 And now h4 would win.
34...Kf8 35.Nxf7 Kxf7



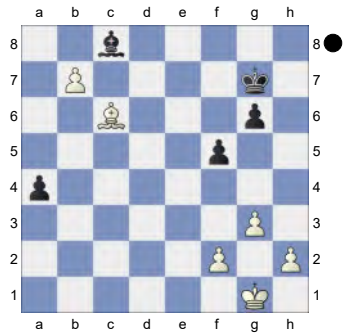
36.Rh4 h5 37.Qh6 White wants to mate with Qh7+. **37...Kg8**
(Diagram)



Prevents Qh7+. **38.Rxh5!** Qh8+ would kill now. **38...Qg7** Against Qh8+
39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.Re5 Rf5 5.16/25
[40...Rf7 3.51/24 was necessary. 41.Re4 Rc7]



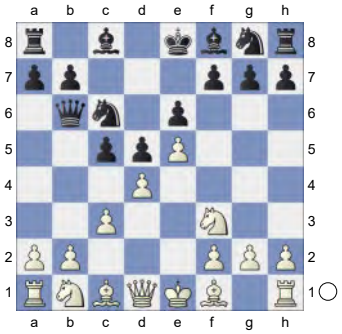
41.Rxf5 exf5 42.a5 White is clearly winning. **42...bxa5 43.b6 a4 44.b7**
[Weaker is 44.Bd5 a3 45.Kf1 *(45.b7? Bxb7 46.Ba2 Kf6-+)* 45...Kf6±]



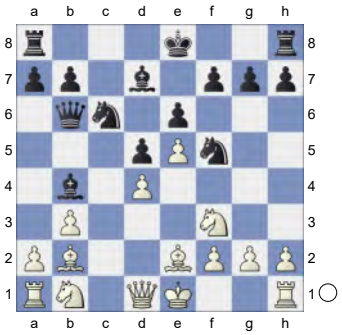
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201 **C02**
□ **Euwe,Max**
■ **Smyslov,Vassily**
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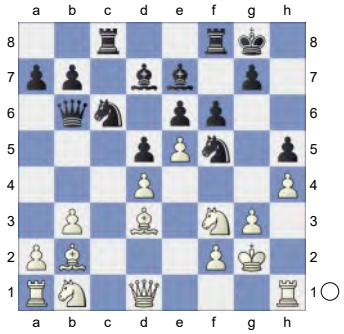
C02: French: Advance Variation
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6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7 9.b3 Nf5 10.Bb2 Bb4+

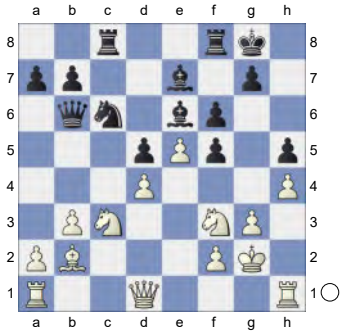


11.Kf1 The position is equal. **11...Be7 12.g3** -0.51/19
[12.h4= -0.17/17 deserves consideration.]
12...Rc8N -0.16/20
[12...0-0∓ -0.51/19 was preferrable. 13.Na3 f6 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Nc2 Be8 16.h3 Bg6 17.Rc1 Rac8 18.Ba3 Be7 19.Bb2 Nd6 20.Bd3 Ne4 21.Kg2 Rxf3 22.Qxf3 Rf8 0-1 (22) Tarakanov-Vaibhav,J USSR 5/555 1920 ZUS C73 [Arghyadip Das]]
[12...a5 13.a4 Rc8 14.Bb5 Nb4 15.Nc3 Na6 16.Kg2 Nc7 17.Be2 Bb4 18.Na2 Na6 19.Bd3 Ne7 20.Rc1 Nc6 21.Nxb4 Naxb4 22.Bb1 h6 23.g4 Ne7 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Ne1 Rf8 26.Nd3 f6 27.Nxb4 Nimzowitsch-Tarrasch St. Sebastian (Game 18) pg.190 1912 1-0 (41)]
13.Kg2= 0-0 14.h4 -0.84/18
[14.Nc3= 0.01/18]
14...h5 -0.06/20
0x0.002259de349adp-1022s more active pieces. The white rooks are badly placed.
[Black should play 14...f6!∓ -0.84/18 ...fxe5 is the strong threat. 15.Nc3 *(15.g4? Nfxd4 16.Bxd4 Nxd4-+)* 15...Ncxd4 16.Nxd4 *(16.Nxd5 exd5 17.Nxd4 fxe5∓)* 16...Qxd4 17.Qxd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.Bxd4 fxe5 20.Bxe5 Rc2]
15.Bd3 f6 0.41/17
[15...Nb4= -0.03/20]

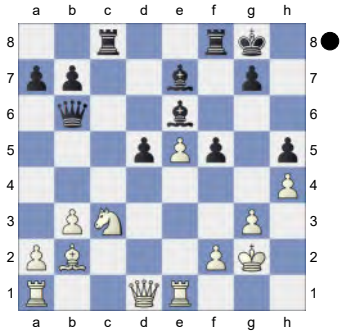


16.Bxf5± exf5 17.Nc3 Be6 1.13/19
[17...Qa5± 0.43/19]

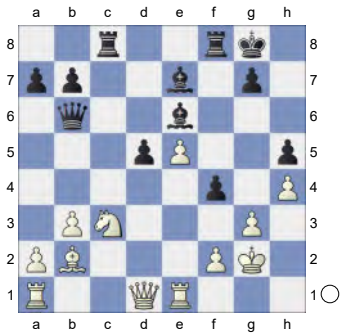
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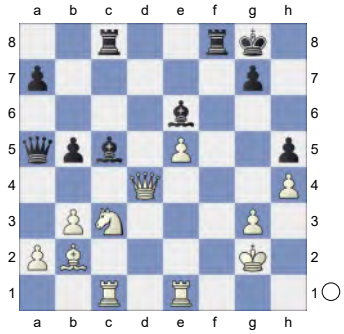
18.Re1 -0.01/22
[18.exf6!± 1.13/19 Bxf6 19.Na4]
18...fxe5!= 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 -2.65/22
[20.Rxe5= -0.08/21 f4 21.Qxh5 *(21.Nxd5? Bxd5+ 22.Rxd5 Qc6-+)*]



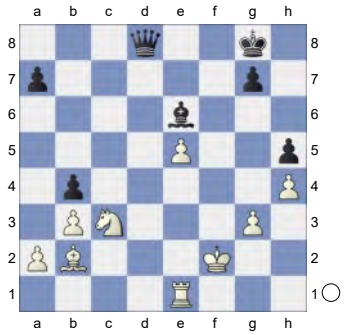
White does not recover from this.
20...f4!-+
[Not 20...d4 21.Ne2∓]



21.Na4
[Don't go for 21.Nxd5? Qc6 22.f3 Bxd5-+]
21...Qa5 22.Rc1 fxg3 23.fxg3 b5 24.Nc3 -5.66/22
[24.Rxc8 -3.36/21 might work better. Rxc8 25.Nc3]
24...d4 25.Qxd4 -5.43/19
[⌓25.Ne2 -3.74/22 Rxc1 26.Bxc1 Qxa2 27.Qxd4]
25...Bc5
[Worse is 25...Qa6 26.Qd2-+]

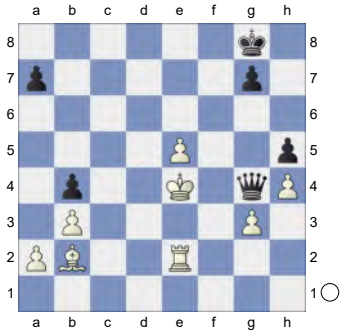


This bishop pair is nice. **26.Qd2 Rf2+ 27.Qxf2 Bxf2 28.Kxf2 Rd8 29.Rcd1** Prevents Rd2+. **29...b4 30.Rxd8+ Qxd8**

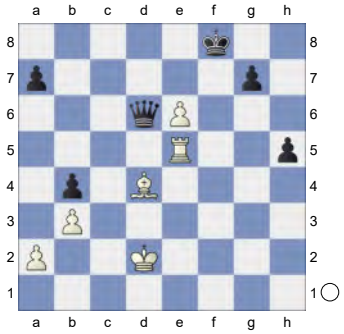


31.Ne4 Qb6+ 32.Kf3? -5.51/20
[32.Re3 -3.34/20 is the only way for White. Qa5 33.Rd3 Qxa2 34.Rd2 Qxb3 35.Ng5]
32...Bd5 33.Re2 Qe6 34.Ke3 Bxe4 35.Kxe4 Endgame KQ-KRB **35...Qg4+**

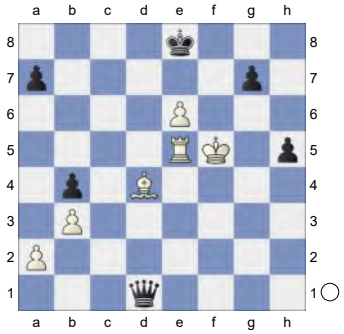
(Diagram)



36.Kd3 Qxg3+ 37.Kd2? -4.73/19
[37.Re3 -2.91/19 Qg6+ 38.Re4]
37...Qxh4 38.e6 Qe7 39.Bd4 Kf8
40.Re5 Threatens to win with Bc5.
40...Qd6



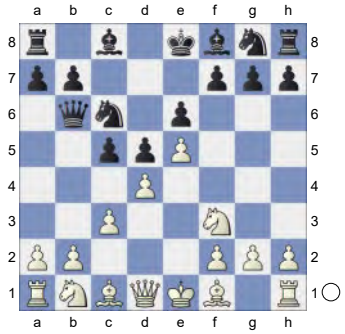
41.Ke3 Black must now prevent Bc5.
41...Ke8 42.Ke4? -6.73/23
[42.Rxh5 -3.33/21 Qg3+ 43.Kd2]
42...Qc6+ Black is clearly winning.
43.Kf4 Qc1+ 44.Kf5 Qd1



Weighted Error Value: White=0.86/ Black=0.47
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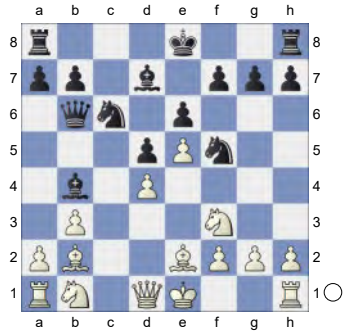
202 **C02**
□ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
■ **Tarrasch,Siegbert**
San (7) 27.02.1912
[Kitty Kat]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 Notes by Raymond Keene.
Nimzowitsch played what is now known as the Milner-Barry Gambit rather infrequently, but he had one particular success which must have given him very great pleasure. **1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6**



6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2
Not the pure Milner-Barry, which should not be bad for Black after 8 O-O Nxd4 9 Nxd4 Qxd4 10 Nc3 a6! and it is not clear that White has enough compensation for the pawn. It may also be possible for Black to play 10...Qxe5; in a more recent game (Netanya 1971) Westerinen scored a fine success with this over Bisguier: 11 Re1 Qb8 12 Nxd5 Bd6 13 Qh5 (13 Qg4! is stronger) 13...Kf8 14 Nc3 Nf6 15 Qh4 Bc6 16 Bg5 Be5-+.
8...Nge7 9.b3 -0.39/21
[9.Nc3= -0.01/22]
9...Nf5∓ White must now prevent ... Bb4+. **10.Bb2 Bb4+**

(Diagram)



11.Kf1 Black's next maintains pressure on the d-pawn, but Nimzowitsch shows that Black should have played 11...O-O! 12 g4 (12 Bd3 f6 13 Bxf5 exf5) 12...Nh6 13 Rg1 f6 14 exf6 Rxf6! 15 g5 Rxf3! 16 Bxf3 (or 16 gxh6 Rf7) 16...Nf5 17 Rg4 Be8 18 Qe2 Ncxd4 19 Rxd4! Nxd4 20 Qe5 Bb5+ 21 Kg2 Nf5 22 Bxd5 (if 22 Nc3 Bxc3 23 Bxc3 d4) 22...exd5 23 Qxf5 Rf8 24 Qxd5+ Rf7! 25 Qd4 Bc5 and White must resign. The position is equal.

11...Be7 12.g3 a5 ?

[12...Rc8 13.Kg2 0-0 14.h4 h5 15.Bd3 f6 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Nc3 Be6 18.Re1 fxe5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.dxe5 f4 21.Na4 Qa5 22.Rc1 fxg3 23.fxg3 b5 24.Nc3 d4 25.Qxd4 Bc5 26.Qd2 Rf2+ 27.Qxf2 Euwe,M-Smyslov,V The Hague/Moscow 1948 MainBase [Euwe/Schluricke] 0-1 (44)]

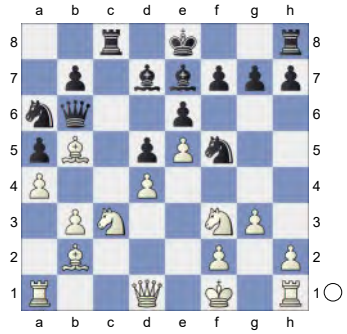
13.a4 Rc8 14.Bb5 Nb4 -0.10/20

[14...0-0∓ -0.73/19]

15.Nc3N ! L. Paulsen-Tarrasch, Nuremberg 1888, had gone 15 Bxd7+? Kxd7 16 Nc3 Nc6 17 Nb5 Na7 18 Nxa7? Qxa7 19 Qd3 Qa6!, and Tarrasch won a fine ending after the exchange of queens.

[15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.Nc3 Nc6 17.Nb5 Na7 18.Nxa7 Qxa7 19.Qd3 Qa6 20.Qxa6 bxa6 21.Kg2 Rc2 22.Bc1 Rb8 23.Rb1 Rc3 24.Bd2 Rcxb3 25.Rxb3 Rxb3 26.Bxa5 Rb2 27.Bd2 Bb4 28.Bf4 h6 29.g4 Ne7 12.♘d2 g6 13, ♗d7 ♘d7 14-Zapf,H 5. ♘c3 ♘d5 1888 The Week in Chess 444 [Schiller,E; Blatny,P] 0-1 (62) 30.Ra1 Nc6 31.Bc1 Rc2 32.Ba3 Rc4 33.Bb2 Bc3 34.Bxc3 Rxc3 35.Rb1 Kc7 36.g5 Rc4 37.gxh6 gxh6 38.a5 Ra4 39.Kg3 Rxa5 40.Kg4 Ra3 41.Rd1 Rb3 42.h4 Ne7 43.Ne1 Nf5 44.Nd3 a5 Paulsen,L-Tarrasch,S ILLUSTRATIVE GAME NO. 19 1888 [Nimzowitsch,Aron] 0-1 (52)]

15...Na6



In Dreihundert Schachpartien, the second edition published in 1909, Tarrasch gives 15...Bxb5+ 16 Nxb5 Nc2 with the threat of ...Ne3+; this Nimzowitsch shows to be harmless: 17 Rc1 Ne3+ 18 fxe3 Nxe3+ 19 Ke2 Nxd1 20 Rxc8+ Kd7 21 Rxh8 Nxb2 22 Rc1 and wins. **16.Kg2 Nc7** 0.44/22

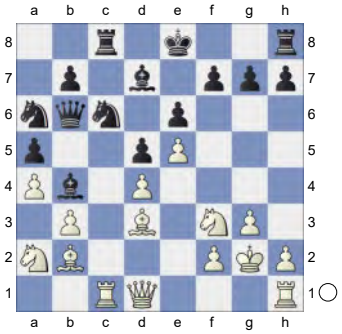
[16...Bc6= 0.10/20 is superior.]

17.Be2 Bb4 18.Na2 Na6 19.Bd3 Ne7 0.74/22

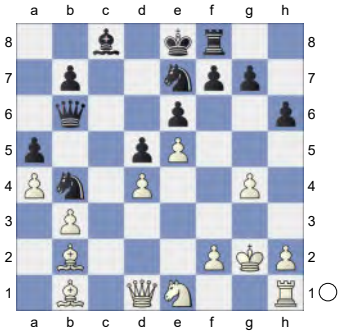
[19...Be7= 0.29/20]

20.Rc1 Nc6

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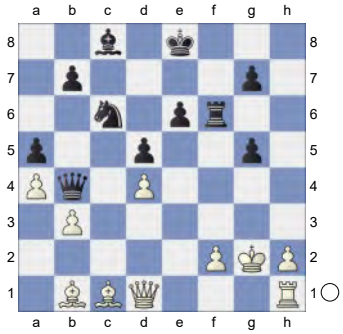


21.Nxb4 Naxb4 22.Bb1 h6 23.g4 Ne7 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Ne1 0.58/19
[25.h4± 0.90/19]
25...Rf8 1.09/20
[Better is 25...Nbc6± 0.58/19]

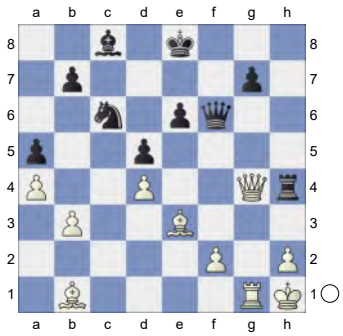


26.Nd3 0.55/20
[26.h4± 1.09/20]
26...f6± 27.Nxb4
[27.Re1 is interesting. f5 28.Nf4 Kd7 29.Nh5]
27...Qxb4 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Bc1 -0.16/22
[29.Re1± 0.45/20]
29...Nc6 0.60/22
[29...e5= -0.16/22]
30.g5 hxg5

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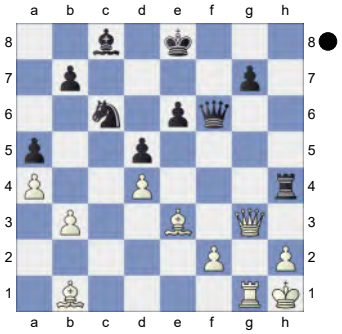


31.Bxg5 0.45/24
[31.Qh5+± 0.76/21 Kd7 32.Qxg5 *(32.Bxg5 Rf8±)*]
31...Rf8 32.Be3 A strong pair of Bishops. **32...Qe7** 0.95/20
[32...e5± 0.53/21 might be stronger.]
33.Qg4± Qf6 1.43/22
[⌓33...Kd7 0.98/22]
34.Rg1 1.09/22
[White should play 34.Rc1 1.43/22]
34...Rh8 35.Kh1 Rh4 1.93/24
[35...Kf8± 1.02/24]

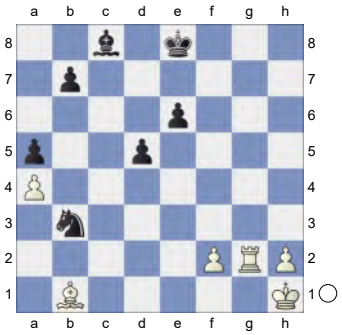


36.Qg3+-
[And not 36.Qxg7 Qf3+ 37.Qg2 *(37.Rg2 Qd1+ 38.Rg1 Qf3+ 39.Rg2 Qd1+ 40.Rg1 Qf3+=)* 37...Nxd4=]

(Diagram)

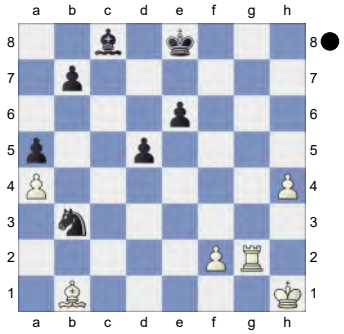


Bg5 is the strong threat. **36...Rxd4** 2.66/24 'Despair! 37 Bg5 was threatened as also 37 Qxg7' -- Nimzowitsch.
[⌓36...Rh8 1.98/25 37.Rg2 Bd7 38.Qxg7 Qxg7 39.Rxg7 Kd8]
37.Bxd4 Nxd4 4.00/25
[37...Qxd4 2.66/25 might work better. 38.Qg6+ *(38.Qxg7 Qxf2 39.Qg2 Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 e5±)* 38...Kf8]
38.Qxg7 Qf3+ 39.Qg2 Strongly threatening Qxf3.
[Don't play 39.Rg2 Qd1+ 40.Rg1 Qf3+ 41.Qg2 Bd7 42.Qxf3 Nxf3+-]
39...Qxg2+ 40.Rxg2 Nxb3 9.15/21
[⌓40...Kf7 4.23/23 41.h4 e5]



41.h4

(Diagram)

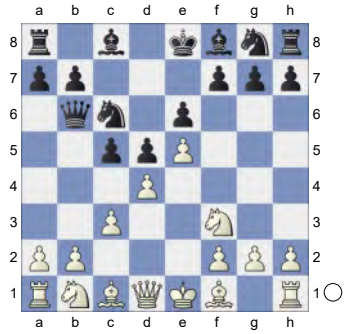


After his game with Tarrasch, Nimzowitsch decided that 6 Bd3 was too risky, and in subsequent games (before he discovered 4 Qg4) he developed the king's bishop on a more modest square, e2, although this cut out the possibility of reaching the position from his Salwe game. Here is one example: Nimzowitsch-Spielmann, Stockholm 1920. http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1102388.
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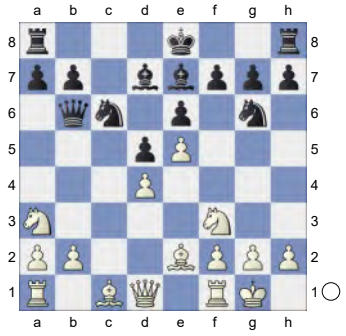
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□ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
■ **Duras,Oldrich**
Game No. 23 1912
[Nimzowitsch,Aron]

C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3
[We think that 4.Qg4 is better.]
4...Qb6 5.c3 Nc6

(Diagram)



6.Bd3
[Here 6.Be2 is preferable.]
6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7
[A better choice is 8...Nh6]
9.Na3 Ng6 0.31/18 (This move is against tradition. The usual move is Nf5, with pressure on White's d-pawn. This move sets up an interesting and novel problem, which could be formulated as follows: "Can the move 9...Ng6 be termed decentralizing?" A pawn chain (here the White pawns at d4 and e5 against the Black pawns at e6 and d5) can normally only be attacked at the base (White's d4). Less advisable would be to attack its spearhead e5. So much about pawn chains in general. In this specific case, however, we see matters in a different light. We notice White's Knight at a3, and shudder to think how utterly useless it is once Black has played f6. Therefore, the move Ng6 seems intended to initiate an action in the center, which appears justified. Should it then be classed as decentralizing? The judgment on this question must be reserved.
[9...Nf5]
[9...Nf5= -0.10/20 deserves consideration. 10.Nc2 Rc8]
10.0-0
[To be considered was 10.h4 Bb4+ 11.Kf1 f6 1.23/20 (Black should try *11...h5±* 0.45/16) 12.h5± but this raid, evolved as a punitive expedition, would be of doubtful value because Black has two replies:
A) Or in combinative style: 12...Ngxe5 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.Qc2 0.58/19 [best] (*14.h6±* 1.48/19 *g6 15.Be3*)
A1) not 14...0-0 0.91/18 14...Bc5 0.43 because 15.Be3! followed by --? 6.51/20 (*15...Qd8±* 0.87/17) 16.Ng5;
A2) 14...Bc5! and White has a poor game.;
B) 12...Nge7 13.h6 fxe5 1.88/19 (*13...gxh6±* 1.27/17 *14.exf6 Ng8*) 14.hxg7+- Rg8 15.dxe5 0.58/19 (*15.Rxh7±* 1.41/19 *exd4 16.Bf4*) 15...Rxg7]
10...Be7
[Here 10...f6 at once was playable, but Duras likes to disguise his plans as much as possible.]



11.Nc2
[11.Re1 Bb4 and the Rook would have to wander back to f1 12.Bd2 -0.96/21 (*12.Rf1=* -0.01/21) 12...Nxd4]
11...f6 12.Bd3 0-0-0 (Now the question must be decided whether Black's action against e5 is effective or not.) **13.b4** (With the object of relieving White's position by b5.)
[Consolidation by means of 13.Re1

was also good. In any event, both moves will have to be made and it matters little in which order.]

[A plausible variation after 13.b4 would be Kb8 14.Re1 Rc8

A) not 15.b5 0.50/20 15.Rb1 0.82 because of Na5! and 16.-- -0.48/18 *(16.Qe2=* 0.03/17 *)* 16...Nc4 0.45/18 eventually *(16...Bxb5∓* -0.48/18 *17.Bxb5 Qxb5)*;

B) 15.Rb1 but White would then have the advantage because he has a strong initiative 15...-- 16.Bd2 and -- 17.a4 -- 1.50/18 *(*Better is *17...Qc7* 1.09/18 *)* 18.a5 and Black is hemmed in. This main line of play confirms the impression that, after all, the maneuver 9...Ng6 was hardly justified. If one weighs up the fact that the maneuver 9...Nf5 was available, then from the centralizing point of view 9...Ng6 must be considered a "decentralizing" move.]

13...fxe5 (Now White obtains the d4 for his Queen's Knight and the premise for the soundness of the whole of the f6 attack collapses [see note to 9...Ng6].). Hoping for ...e4.

[More correct would be 13...Kb8 with 14.-- 0.13/20 *(14.Rb1±* 0.47/16 *)* 14...Rc8 0.47/17 *(14...fxe5=* 0.13/20 feels stronger. *15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.dxe5 Qc7)*]

14.Bxg6

[14.b5 feels hotter. e4 15.bxc6 Qxc6 16.Nce1]

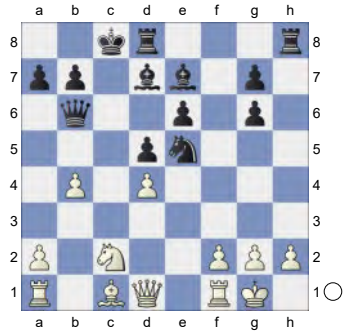
14...hxg6 15.Nxe5 -0.18/19 (With this move White loses the whole of his advantage. The truly imposing central island, together with the chances of attack on the open lines, would soon have yielded a strong advantage. The text move 15.Nxe5 is faulty, not only the Black Rook obtains the square at h4 with influence on the center, but the Bishop at d7 then becomes active. If that were not enough, 15.Nxe5 ran contrary to the principle which says: "For the blockaded player, any exchange of pieces spells relief." White has now, at the most, drawing chances.)

[The correct continuation was 15.dxe5 Nxb4 16.Be3 *(16.Rb1* -0.79/19 16.Be3 0.71 because of *Ba4)* with 16...--? 6.22/19 *(16...Qa6±* 0.60/18 *)* 17.Ncd4? 0.72/18 though White would lose a pawn. *(17.Bxb6+-* 6.22/19 has better winning chances. *axb6 18.Nxb4 Bxb4 19.Qb1)*]

[15.dxe5± 0.48/21 Rdf8 16.a4]

15...Nxe5=

[15...Nxb4? 16.Nxb4 Qxb4 17.Bf4+- *(17.Nxg6 Bd6+-)*]



16.dxe5 Ba4! 17.Qd2 -1.28/22 (The only chance.)

[17.Be3∓ -0.53/21 d4 18.Bxd4]

17...Kb8? (This makes up for White's blunder on the 15th move.)

[On 17...d4! the intent is to continue with 18.Bb2 -1.75/21 *(18.Rb1∓* -1.17/18 *)* 18...d3!-+ 19.Nd4 -2.13/21 and if *(19.Ne1* -1.61/20 was called for. *)* 19...Rxd4-+ 20.Qc3+]

[With 17...Rh4 -0.88/19 17...d4 -1.22 18.Bb2 Bxb4 19.Nxb4 Qxb4

20.Rac1+ Kd7 -0.29/21 he could have won a pawn and also kept d5 under permanent control. *(Black should play 20...Kb8∓ -1.21/21 21.Qxb4 Rxb4)*]

[17...Qc7?! 18.Bb2=]

18.Nd4 (Intending to centralize even at the expense of a pawn, and this sudden and daring insistence on the central idea saves the White game, which was on the point of collapse. Had White thought earlier of the possibility of this pawn sacrifice, he would not have failed to play 15.dxe5, but at that stage he may not have been in a state of mind for heroic measures.) **18...Rh5**

[If 18...Bxb4 -0.24/21 18...Rh4 -0.65 White would have played 19.Qd3 followed by --? 1.51/21 *(19...Rc8!= -0.07/19 20.Be3 Rc4)* 20.Be3 and --1.91/20 *(20...Qa5± 1.27/19)* 21.Rab1 obtaining a position harmoniously blended with both attack and blockade not unlike the line of play shown in the note to move 15.]

19.Qd3 -0.11/20

[19.Qb2∓ -0.47/21]

19...Rdh8 0.24/20

[19...Bxb4? 20.Rb1 Rdh8 21.h3+- *(21.a3? Rxh2 22.g3 Rh1+ 23.Kg2 R8h2+ 24.Kf3 Rxf1-+)*]

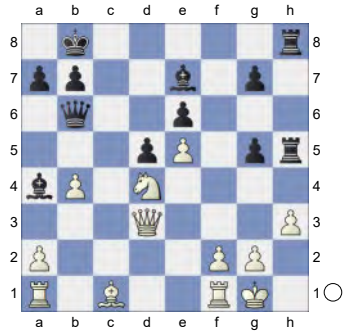
[19...Rxe5 -0.11/20 might be stronger. 20.Bf4 Bd6 21.Bxe5 Bxe5]

20.h3! g5 1.30/22

[20...Bxb4? 21.Be3+-]

[20...Rf8± 0.33/20]

(Diagram)

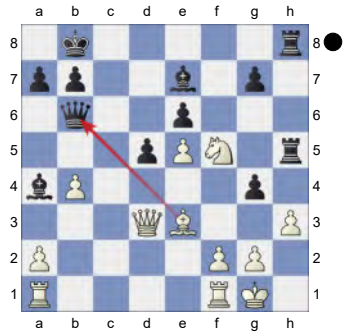


21.Be3± **g4** (On one side, quick centralizing moves [Nd4, Qd3, Be3]; on the other, rather futile blows on the wing. In these circumstances, it is not difficult to forecast the winner.)

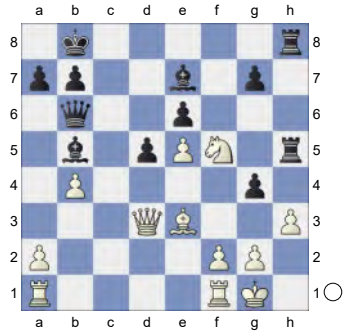
[21...Bxb4? 22.Rab1 Qa5 23.Rfc1+-]

22.Nf5? -0.67/23

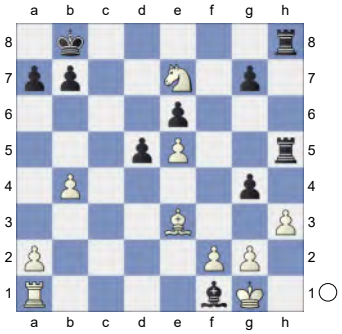
[22.Rfc1!± 1.23/21]



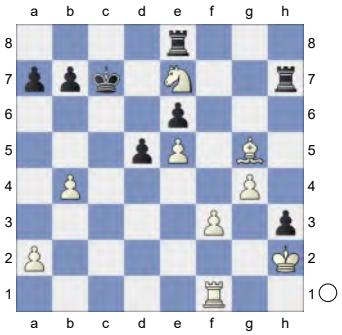
22...Bb5 1.62/21



A strong pair of Bishops. This move loses the game for Black. **23.Qa3!+- Qa6 24.Qxa6** Really sharp! **24...Bxa6 25.Nxe7** Strongly threatening Ng6. &Bianco is more active. **25...Bxf1**

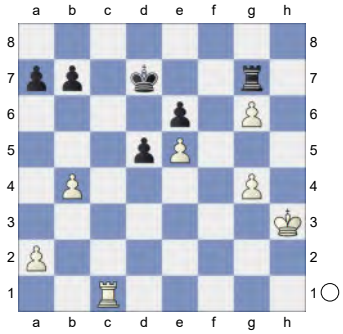


26.Rxf1 Ng6 is the strong threat.
[Resist 26.Kxf1?! gxh3 27.gxh3 Rxh3±]
26...g5 2.95/21 (Black now puts up a stubborn if hopeless defense.)
[26...gxh3 1.76/20 keeps fighting. 27.g3 Rd8]
27.f3
[But not 27.Ng6?! Rg8+-]
27...gxh3 28.g4 R5h7 29.Bxg5 Re8 30.Kh2 Kc7

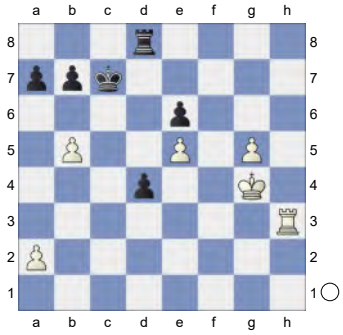


(A Rook ending after exchanges on e7 would be hopeless for Black.) **31.Rc1+** And White won on the 46th move. An important game from the point of view of centralization and we highly recommend its careful study. **31...Kd7 32.f4 Rg7** Inhibits Ng6. **33.Kxh3 Rxg5 34.fxg5 Rxe7** Endgame KR-KR **35.g6** Against Rh7+ **35...Rg7**

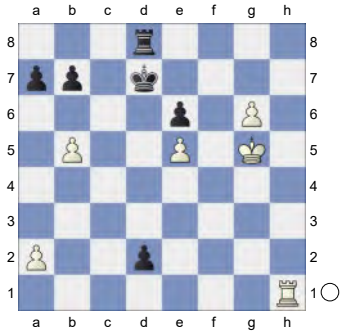
(Diagram)



36.g5 Rxg6 37.Kg4 aiming for Kh5.
37...Rg8 38.Rc3 Rd8 3.82/22
[⌓38...a6 2.37/22 39.a4 b5]
39.b5 2.13/23
[⌓39.g6 3.82/22]
39...d4? 5.17/23
[39...Ke7 2.13/23 40.g6 d4]
40.Rh3 Kc7

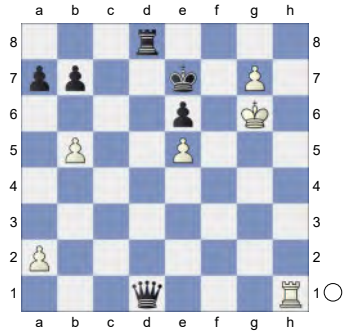


41.g6 d3 42.Rh1 Kd7 43.Kg5N d2

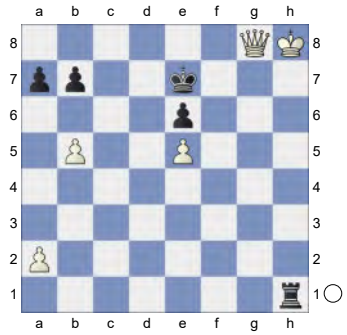


44.g7!
Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.47 **44...Ke7 45.Kg6 d1Q**

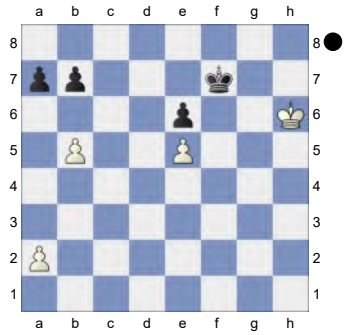
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46.Rxd1 Rxd1 47.g8Q Rg1+ 48.Kh7 Rh1+ 49.Kg7 Rg1+ 50.Kh8 Rh1+



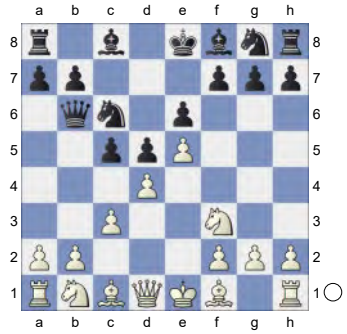
51.Qh7+ Rxh7+ 52.Kxh7 Kf7 53.Kh6



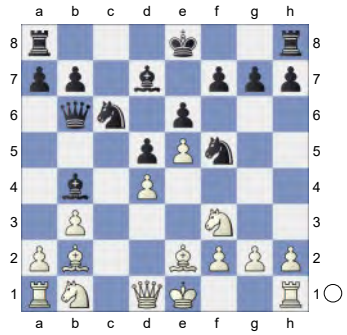
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□ **Nimzowitsch,Aron**
■ **Rubinstein,Akiba**
Overprotection (The 1911
[Nimzowitsch,Aron]

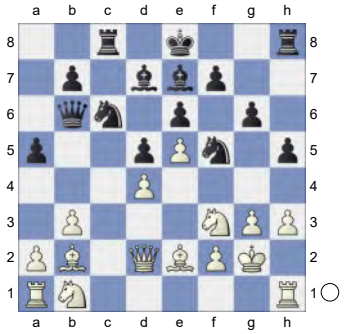
The wonderful vitality of the overprotector may here be demonstrated by two further examples. Nimzowitsch-Rubinstein, Carlsbad, 1911.
C02: French: Advance Variation
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6



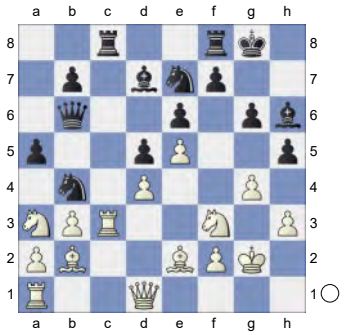
6.Bd3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bd7 8.Be2 Nge7 9.b3 Nf5 10.Bb2 (At the moment d4 is barely protected, not more.) **10...Bb4+**



11.Kf1 Black has an edge. **11...h5 12.g3 Rc8** -0.10/16
[12...g5∓ -0.44/20 13.h3 0-0-0]
13.Kg2 g6 -0.01/18
[13...h4∓ -0.39/17]
14.h3= **Be7** (Intending to answer a possible g4 with ...Nh4+) **15.Qd2! a5**
(Diagram)

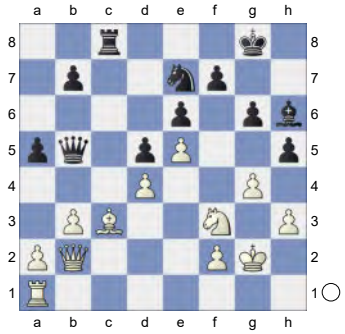


16.Rc1 Bf8 17.Qd1! Bh6
[17...g5 keeps more tension. 18.Nc3 g4 19.hxg4 hxg4 20.Nh2 Rxh2+ 21.Kxh2 Qxd4 22.Kg1 Nxe5 23.Nxd5 Qxb2 24.Rxc8+ Bxc8 25.Nf6+ Ke7]
18.Rc3 0-0 19.g4 Nfe7 20.Na3 (Diagram 163a. Only now will it be clear why White delayed with the development of the Knight. An honorable post had been contemplated for him, namely as overprotector of the d4 pawn.) **20...Nb4**
[20...f6 seems wilder. 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.g5 Rxf3 23.Rxf3 Bxg5 24.Kh1 Bh6]

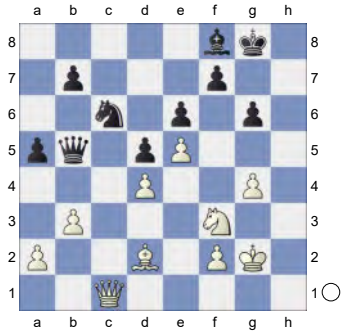


21.Nc2 (there now follows a surprising and effortless unraveling of the corps of White pieces on the Queenside.)
[21.Bc1 is more complex. Rxc3 22.Bxh6 Nbc6 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Nb5]
21...Rxc3 22.Bxc3 Nxc2 23.Qxc2 Rc8 24.Qb2! (Whatever happens, the d4 pawn will stay overprotected.) **24...Bb5!**

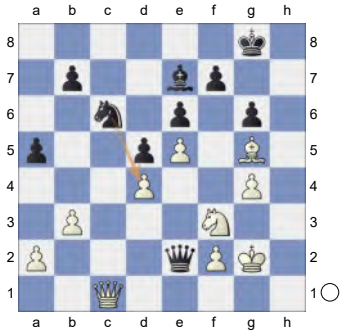
25.Bxb5 Qxb5



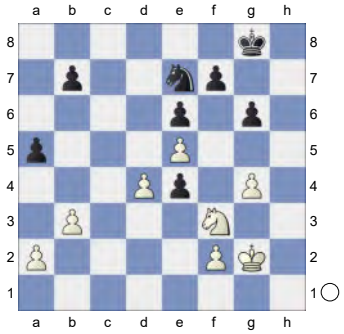
26.Bd2! (The overprotector shows his teeth!) **26...Bf8 27.Rc1** -0.01/25
[27.Bg5± 0.41/22]
27...hxg4 28.hxg4 next Rxc8 is good for White. **28...Rc6** 0.50/22
[28...Rxc1= 0.01/24 feels stronger. 29.Qxc1 Nc6]
29.Qa3 -0.01/25
[29.Bg5± 0.50/22 Rxc1 30.Qxc1]
29...Rxc1 (A pity!)
[29...Nf5 White intended to offer a Queen sacrifice 30.Rxc6 Intending Rc8 and mate. Bxa3 31.Rc8+ Kg7? 2.48/23 *(31...Kh7!= 0.01/24 32.gxf5 gxf5)* 32.gxf5 with a strong attack.]
30.Qxc1 with the superior game.
30...Nc6N



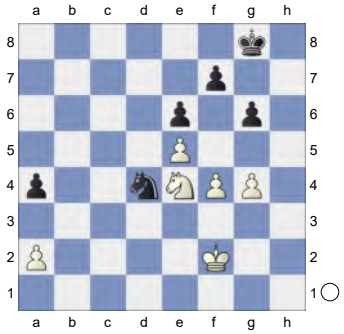
31.Bh6 Be7
[31...Bxh6 with more complications. 32.Qxh6 Qe2 33.Kg3 Qd3]
32.Bg5 Qe2
[32...Bxg5 keeps more tension. 33.Nxg5 Qe2 34.Qf4 Nd8]



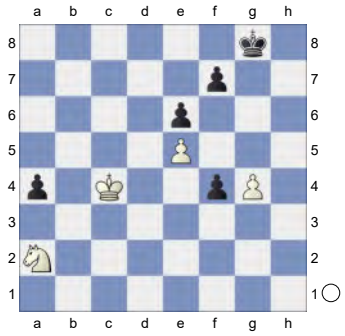
...Nxd4! is the strong threat. **33.Bxe7 Nxe7 34.Qf4** Threatens to win with Ng5.
34...Qe4 0.33/25
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35.Qxe4± dxe4



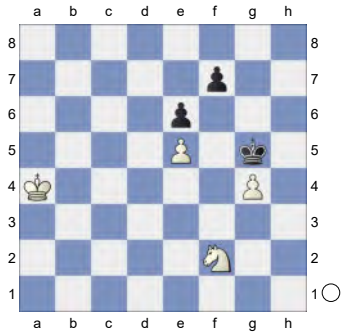
Endgame KN-KN **36.Nd2 Nc6 37.Nxe4** Black must now prevent Nd6. **37...Nxd4 38.f4 b5! 39.Kf2 a4** 1.05/24
[39...Kf8= 0.23/22 remains equal.]
40.bxa4± bxa4



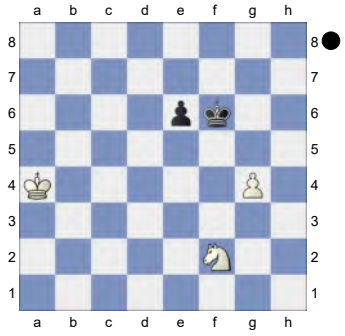
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[Of course not 42.fxg5?! a3=]
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[43...Ne1+ 1.92/27 was necessary. 44.Kd2 Nf3+ 45.Ke3 Ne1]
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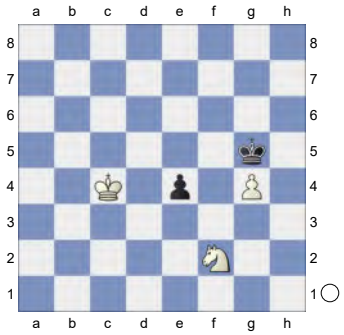
KN-KP **46.Nc3 Kg7 47.Ne4**
[Much worse is 47.Nxa4?! Kg6=]
47...Kg6? 19.14/29
[47...Kh6= 0.01/26]
48.Kb4 f3 49.Kxa4 f2 50.Nxf2
KN-KPP **50...Kg5**



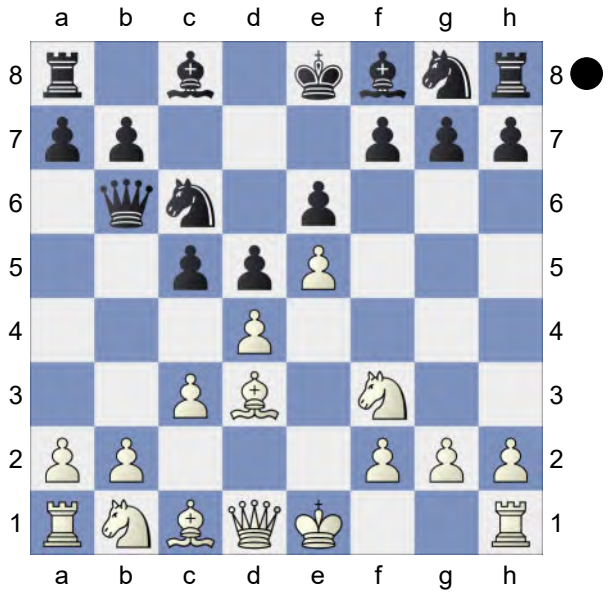
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[51.Kb4+- 22.23/31 Kf4 52.Nd3+ Kg5 53.Nc5]
51...f6!= The position is equal. **52.exf6 Kxf6 53.Nf2**



Threatening mate with Ne4+. **53...Kg5 54.Kb4 e5 55.Kc4 e4** 0.97/32
[55...Kf4= 0.01/35]



Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)
½-½



C02 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	. . . cxd4[1]	0-0[2] Nge7	Re1[3] Nf5[4]	a3[5] Be7[6]	b4 a6	c4[7] dxc4	Bxc4 Qc7	Bd3[8]
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3	. . . . . .	. . . dxc3	Nxc3 a6[16]	Na4[17] Qc7[18]	Be3 Nxe5[19]	Nxe5 Qxe5	Nb6 Rb8	Qa4+ Kd8[20]
4	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . Bd7	Be3[21] Qxb2[22]	Nb5 Rc8[23]	Rb1 Qxa2	Ra1 Qb2	Re1 a6[24]

[1] After covering all the other 6th moves after 6.Bd3 in the previous chapter, in this one we will start the coverage of the main - and frankly, the most obvious move, **6...cxd4**

[2] This variation is lately all the rage at various levels - mainly because it is the top engine recommendation in this particular position. It is probably as venomous as **7.cxd4** Bd7 8.0-0 variation - and probably objectively better. Note that it scores 53% for White, according to the lichess database.

[3] With that being said, Black's move order does allow us some additional possibilities. Most notably, the variation with **8.cxd4** Bd7

9.Nc3!? Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nb5!? Qxe5 12.Re1 which seems to be scoring very well in practice - and which is also approved by the engine.
However, since this would still leave us with the need to learn the line arising via Bd7 **8.Re1** Nge7 move order, I thought it is unnecessary to burden ourselves by trying to add another very sharp and complicated variation in this repertoire (God knows there have been quite a few of them in this repertoire already).

4 Jumping to f5 is a unique option available to Black via this move order. Note that **8...Bd7** would transpose back to lines analyzed via Bd7 Re1 Nge7 move order.

5 An interesting move, intending to expand on the queenside with b4 next. This idea is very similar to the line proposed by Anish Giri in his own 1.e4 Chessable course, where he gave e4 e6 **9.cxd4** d5 e5 c5 c3 Nc6 Nf3 Qb6 a3 and then only after 9...Nh6 Bd3!? cxd4 O-O Nf5 Here, however, the situation is slightly different. Black has already developed the knight to f5 , which gives us some ideas to play Bxf5 and cxd4 after all. However, the immediate 10.Bf5 exf5 cxd4 Be6 is not as favourable as in some other lines we will examine because Black hasn't wasted time to develop the bishop to d7 and thus Bc8 - Be6 comes in one tempo. Thus, it makes some sense to make a useful waiting move and hint at the idea of playing b4 , while not yet revealing our intentions.

6 A logical continuation, continuing to develop the kingside and refraining from playing Bd7 . **9...Bd7** can be met by either 10.b4!? , or the simpler Bxf5 , going for a position very similar to those that will be examined in other variations in this chapter.

7 Probably more ambitious than the more 'standard' **11.Bxf5** exf5 12.cxd4 , insisting that we remain a pawn down, but refusing to give up our bishop pair. Note that this idea, leaving the pawn on d4 and trying to circumvent it, works only because the knight is on f5 and quite far away from the d5 square.

8 The point of our play. We are claiming that the pawn on d4 - together with our pawn on e5 - is severely restricting the opponent's pieces, as both knights are 'staring at it'. Furthermore, it is not easy to develop the bishop on c8 and the bishop on e7 also doesn't have that many squares - courtesy of our pawn on b4 . In the meantime, we have nice squares for our pieces - f4 or b2 for our dark-squared bishop, e4 or c4 for our knight on b1 , etc. We can even consider some attacks with Qe2 - Qe4 - g4 , or bringing the rooks to the c-file. All in all, White always has good compensation, and our position is indubitably much easier to play. If that is not to your taste, you can always go for the safer Bxf5 and

cxd4 approach. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-7...Nge7 move order

[9] Last but not least, developing the knight to e7 and intending to transfer it to g6 is by far the most common move in this position in the masters' database, played in 60+% of the games. It is also the 2nd most popular move in the lichess database - behind **8...dxc3** - played in 23% of the games.

[10] Note that this is kind of necessary, since the immediate **9.Nbd2** dxc3 10.bxc3 Ng6 allows Black to cause some problems against the e5 pawn. And 11.h4? comes too late, since after 11...Qc7 we don't have a good way of defending the e5 pawn and are in some trouble already.

[11] Do note that the idea is to play **9...--** dxc3 Nxc3 10.Nxd4 without allowing 10...Nxd4 Qxd4 Nb5

9...Nf5 Now that Ng6 has been prevented, this logical developing move of the knight also makes some sense. But it can be considered as a 'bailout' of sorts since this allows us to take on f5 and regain the pawn on d4 under good circumstances. 10.Bxf5

[There is no good way of avoiding this, since after something like 10.a3 Be7 our h4 pawn is under the attack, since playing 11.h5 allows Nh4 or even some crazy g5!? , when it is not clear who is playing for the initiative.]

10...exf5 11.cxd4 It is hard to judge whether this transformation of the structure is good for us or not. We have isolated the d-pawn and created the doubled f-pawns, but we have given up the bishop pair. In this particular case, we can claim this is an advantageous version for us. We have already played the useful move h4 and Black has lost one tempo in playing Bc8 - Bd7 . This is relevant because the bishop will end up on e6 and defend the d5 pawn anyway. 11...Be6 And indeed, there is no reason not to move the bishop to this square immediately. 12.Nc3 Be7 Both sides continue with their natural development. But now comes an interesting moment. 13.Re3 This unexpected move has a very deep point behind it. White is intending to play Ne2 - Nf4 and Rb3 in some order. The rook might also appear on g3 at some point. However, in order to be able to shift the rook along the 3rd rank, it is important not to block it by the knight on e2 . Very classy plan that is also quite novel, since this is barely played. 13...h6 A typical move, taking the g5 square under control. Black can also castle first - the exact move order is not that crucial. 14.Ne2 Executing the aforementioned idea. The knight is headed to f4 and the rook to b3 to kick the queen away. 14...0-0 15.h5 Also a useful move in these structures, fixing the kingside and making sure the knight will be very comfortable on f4 . 15...Rac8 A logical move, bringing the rook to the open c-file. Of course, there are

many ways for Black to play and there is no sense in trying to study them all, given the non-forced character of the position. We will check a sample line to see some typical ideas. 16.Rb3 Hitting the queen and forcing her away from her active post. 16...Qc7 17.Ne1 Another typical move. The knight retreats and makes room for Rg3 . It also wants to reposition itself to d3 and then potentially jump to c5 , if allowed. 17...Qd7 Apparently the most flexible move, defending the e6 bishop and preparing f6 without getting hit with Nf4 . 18.Bf4 Reinforcing the e5 pawn and intending to go back with the knight to f3 if Black plays f6 . 18...Rfd8 A useful waiting move. 19.Rg3 Highlighting another idea behind placing the rook on the 3rd rank and creating the threat of Bxh6 . 19...Bh4 20.Rc3 And now finally the rook settles on c3 , emphasizing that the bishop on h4 is not ideally placed and that it will have to go back to e7 anyway. We have a nice position since we have the space advantage in the center and on the kingside. The position is blocked, so there is no opportunity for the enemy bishop pair to shine. Black also doesn't have any obvious counterplay. We want to slowly improve, say with Rac1 , Qd2 , Nd3 , maybe move the bishop from f4 , play Nf4 , etc. It is not yet clear how we are going to break Black's position, but we can play on forever and pose problems on both sides of the board. We can, therefore, be very happy with the outcome of the opening. VI.G) French Defence 5... Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 Nf5

9...h6 Finally, this pawn move, taking the g5 square under control and preventing the h4 pawn from ever going to h6 , is the main move in the position. 10.h5 We continue with the march of the h-pawn, take the g6 square under control and clamp down on the long diagonal. In the future, any sort of Bc2 - Qd3 battery would potentially be difficult to meet. Black now again has some options. 10...Rc8 Last but not least, bringing the rook to c8 and maintaining the status quo everywhere else on the board can be considered the main line of this entire variation.

[Similarly as with 10...a6 , Black is semi-waiting for us to move the knight from b1 . They are claiming Rc8 is more useful for that purpose than the move a6 .]

Apart from the main and more common move Given that 11.Nbd2 Now that we are out of useful waiting moves, we do 'bite the bullet' and develop the knight to d2 . , this move, developing the knight to a3 , is also a possibility. The main idea is to jump to b5 as soon as possible. The downside is that the knight might be a bit more restricted on this square once Black decides to go for the prophylactic a6 move. is much more common and it doesn't lead to objective advantage, we seriously considered giving the text move as the main option. But ultimately, we have decided to settle on it as the alternative.

[Note that, in this particular order, it is

also possible to play 11.Na3!? , developing the knight to a different square. This option will be considered at the end of the chapter, where it is given as the alternative.

A) 11...a6 First of all, we have to ask ourselves - what happens if Black immediately takes control over the b5 square and prevents our knight from jumping there? 12.Nxd4 Another point of our play - taking on d4 and sacrificing a pawn in this manner. Nxd4 13.cxd4 Qxd4 14.Nc2 The point! The knight no longer had any future on a3 , so we bring it to c2 with a gain of tempo. We want to play Be3 next. Qb6 15.Be3 Qc7 A logical retreat, targeting the e5 pawn. 16.Bd2 *(* Moving out of the way and defending the e5 pawn. Note that we don't go to the more logical f4 square in view of the wild *16.Bf4 g5!?* , which seems to work out for Black. *)* 16...Nc6 Also a logical move, attacking e5 and freeing the bishop on f8 . 17.Bf4 Only now do we go to f4 and reinforce the e5 pawn, since without tthe knight on e7 , g5 ideas are not possible. Bc5 Developing the bishop to an active diagonal is quite logical. 18.Qg4 A typical French move, attacking the g7 pawn and utilizing the fact the bishop is no longer on f8 . Kf8 19.Qg3 And White has definite compensation for the pawn. Our next ideas involve playing a3 - b4 and expanding on the queenside, Rac1 , potentially playing Be3 to exchange the bishops, etc. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9. h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A;

B) 11...Nf5 Secondly, we need to ask ourselves what happens if Black jumps with the knight to f5 and opens up the bishop to target the knight on a3 . 12.Rb1 *(* A clever move, anticipating Bxa3 and preparing to harass the queen on b6. Note that his move prepares the typical c4 break, which wouldn't be as good immediately due to *12.c4 Bxa3! 13.bxa3 dxc4* , which works out nicely for Black. We need to have the rook on b1 in these lines. *)*

B1) 12...Be7 Black can also try to develop normally and bring the bishop into the game. 13.Bf4 *(* In this particular case, we follow suit and continue developing. Note that here, *13.c4 Nb4* is not good, because it comes under more favorable circumstances for Black compared to a6 c4 Nb4 It is more useful to have the bishop on e7 than the pawn on a6 in these lines. *)* 13...dxc3 Taking the pawn at this moment seems logical, but it does give us ample compensation. 14.bxc3 Qc5 Hitting a3 and c3 . 15.Nc2 Now if Black takes on c3 we will happily take on b7 . b6 Trying to protect the b7 pawn and take on c3 next. 16.Bd2 The simplest. We cover the c3 pawn and have different ideas in mind: Rb5 , c4 , Nbd4 , etc. Black's pieces are in each other's way and we have definite compensation for the material here. VI.G) French Defence 5... Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8:

A;

B2) 12...Bxa3 Taking on a3 is quite consistent, but bad. Black can't afford to give up this precious dark squared bishop. 13.bxa3 Hitting the queen on b6 - courtesy of placing the rook on b1 on the previous move. Qc7 14.cxd4 The simplest move, reinforcing the center and intending to take it from there. Now we want to play a4 and Ba3 next. Note that Black can't really take on d4 twice. Ncxd4 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Qg4 And White is already objectively winning. Black can't play like this, which means the entire concept starting with 12... Bxa3 is faulty. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8... Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A;

B3) 12...a6 Finally, this semi-waiting move seems to be the best move in the position. Black not only prevents any Nb5 ideas once and for all - but also makes room for the queen on the a7 square, which will turn out to be surprisingly relevant. 13.c4 *(* In this particular position, continuing with something like *13.Bf4 dxc3 14.bxc3* is not that good since after *Qa7* we are somewhat stuck since Black has the idea to play Bc5 and pressure our f2 pawn next, which is highly undesirable. Instead, we use the opportunity to try and open up the position, claiming our opponent's previous move didn't improve their development.*)* 13...Nb4 This is already the only good reply for Black, hitting our bishop on d3 and utilizing the fact the b4 square is now available to the knight. 14.cxd5 Nxd3 15.Qxd3 Bb4 Another surprising point, hitting the rook on e1 with a gain of tempo while developing the piece. 16.Bd2 Bxd2 17.Nxd2 0-0 And this is the final difficult and not-so-obvious move, simply allowing our pawn to reach d6 . 18.d6 And it transpires that this position is roughly equal, from the objective standpoint, since our pawns are securely blockaded and not going anywhere. Still, it is very difficult to judge this position as such from afar, without prior home preparation. I would be amazed if your opponents found this sequence and entered this willingly. After all, we are counting that 11.Na3 will be a surprise. With that being said, even if they do, there is a lot of play left in the position. And I would argue our position is easier to play due to our advanced pawn duo on e5 and d6 . VI.G) French Defence 5... Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A;

C) 11...dxc3 Last but not least, the capture on c3 should be considered as critical - just like after 11.Nbd2. This was the recommendation by ever-so-dilligent FM Kamil Plichta, who also covered the 11.Na3 option in his course Lifetime Repertoires: French Defence. 12.bxc3 a6 Black absolutely has to play this, since Rb1 and Nb5 was a massive

threat. 13.Rb1 Qc7 14.c4 Achieving c4 is another big point behind placing the knight on a3 . Na5 Apart from taking on c4 , Black can also try to go for this logical move, increasing the pressure on c4 and emphasizing that we don't want to take on d5 since that would activate the knight from e7 . *(14...dxc4* Taking on c4 seems more natural than moving the knight to a5 , considered in the previous variation. *15.Nxc4* The point. Now the knight is quite active on c4 and Nd6 is the immediate threat. But also Nb6 . *Nd5* Dealing with both threats. Apparently. *16.Nd6+* Jumping to d6 nevertheless. The point is to try and divert the queen from the b7 pawn. *Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6* Black can't leave this pawn 'in his throat'. *18.Rxb7 0-0 19.Bb1* Preparing the battery with Qd3 . *Rfd8 20.Qd3* Threatening Qh7 - but also Qxa6 . *f5* The only move. But we can be happy to provoke this weakening of the kingside. *21.Qxa6 Ra8 22.Qe2 Bc8* So far, we have been following the analysis by FM Kamil Plichta in his course Lifetime Repertoires: French Defence. He concluded the variation here and claimed Black is fine due to the piece activity and somewhat awkward coordination of our pieces. *23.Rb2* And while I have no intention to argue the evaluation of the position, I do think we are on the better side of things in a practical game, due to the presence of two bishops, Black's weakened kingside and our extra pawn. I do believe Black has less margin for error than us and that they can easily lose control over the position. They are the ones who have to demonstrate equality. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9. h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A*)* 15.Be3 But this natural move, developing and creating the immediate threat of Bb6 , does seem to cause Black some problems. Nxc4 16.Nxc4 dxc4 17.Bb6 Qb8 18.Be4 Despite being two pawns down, we have quite some compensation here, in view of Black's retarded development and passive pieces - most notably the queen. Still, the variation continues. Bc6 A logical move, trying to exchange some pieces and ease the pressure. 19.Nd4 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Nc6 21.Qg4 And nevertheless, Black still has quite some issues, since it is very difficult to finish the development and disentangle the pieces. We are threatening Nxe6 , we also have ideas of doubling on the d-file and have an active position, overall. Also, note that Black can't afford to take our e5 pawn. Nxe5 22.Qg3 Nc6 *(* This is bad, but it serves me well to illustrate the threat. *22...Bd6* is probably lesser evil, but then we can choose between *23.f4* or Qxg7 , with a great position in both cases.*)* 23.Rxe6+ And White is completely winning since the rook is taboo in view of the mate in two. I will leave it to you, dear reader, to figure out various wins. The position is more than +6 for White, so I hope you would be able to figure it out over the board in a remote chance

one of your games reaches this far. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8... Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: A]

11...dxc3 The most common and natural move in the position. Once White has moved the knight to d2 , it is very logical to take on c3 . We have seen several versions of this exchange throughout this chapter. This one - with the knight on e7 and the rook on c8 , might be the best of them all. 12.bxc3 Na5 Again the best move in the position. Black anticipates our ideas of playing c4 and they take countermeasures against it. The text move also prepares to take the knight if it ever appears on b3 , but also opens the c-file/attack on the weak c3 pawn.

13.Rb1 Of course, we should include this move, bring the rook to the semi-open file with a gain of tempo.

13...Qc7 This move is almost exclusively played in this position. The queen is much more active here than, say, on d8 , as it targets the c3 pawn and also eyes the e5 pawn. 14.Ba3 An important moment. White has some options at their disposal, so we should perhaps explain why exactly we decided to deviate from some more 'standard' moves in favour of this bishop development to the long diagonal.

[Well, the standard move 14.Nb3 is met with Nxb3 , showcasing one of the ideas behind placing the knight on a5 . We can't recapture with the rook on b3 in view of Ba4 ideas and after either 15.Qxb3 Qxc3 or axb3 16.Qxc3 it seems more difficult to demonstrate the compensation for the pawn.]

[It is also important to note that 14.c4 idea, which worked in positions without h5 and h6 included, is not as strong here in view of Nxc4 15.Bxc4 dxc4 16.Ne4 Nd5 , when the fact we have no Ng5 ideas in the position works against us and makes a big difference when it comes to the evaluation of this position. Therefore, we instead bring the bishop to a3 and seize control over the long dark-squared diagonal. We are still on track to lose our c3 pawn, but we are claiming this will happen under more favourable circumstances.]

14...Qxc3 Taking on c3 is extremely logical and natural - especially since it comes with the double attack on both bishops.

[14...Nec6 In the lichess database, Black players sometimes also develop their knight to c6 instead of taking the c3 pawn. This is much inferior since it allows us to execute the core idea behind our previous play. 15.Bxf8 First, we exchange the dark squared bishops and soften the opponent's dark squares. Kxf8 16.c4 This thematic undermining pawn move is a key idea in a number of variations. dxc4 17.Bxc4 Ne7 18.Bd3 And White has tremendous compensation. Black has lost castling rights, our pieces are wonderful, we have the idea of Ne4 - Nd6 on the menu and Black's position is very difficult to play. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M]

15.Nb3 Only now do we go for this knight jump, since eventual capture with the rook on b3 will come with a tempo on the queen on c3 . Also,

we are threatening to play Rc1 next. 15...Nec6 [Last but not least, this knight move was recommended by FM Kamil Plichta in his excellent course Lifetime Repertoires: French Defence. It does seem to be an even cleaner 'equalizer' than the move 15...Nxb3 , although it does require some 'courage', as going for it involves going for a positional queen sacrifice. Taking on b3 seems to be natural and logical. It is the most common move in this position in the lichess database. It was played in 62% - or 31 games that reached this position. 16.Rxb3 Our point! Now Black has no time to disturb us with Ba4 as this move comes with a gain of tempo. True, we are currently two pawns down, but we have a massive lead in development. Black already has to find the only move not to be significantly worse. Note that White scores 60% from this position.

A) 16...Qc7 17.Qb1 A strong move, pressuring the b7 pawn and preparing Rc1 .

A1) Dealing with the attack on b7 in a primitive way simply doesn't work. Note that 17...Bc6 18.Bd6 Qd7 19.Nd4 is no better - White has an overwhelming domination for a mere two pawns and is completely winning.;

A2) 17...Qa5 Black can try to go to a5 to avoid all the issues highlighted in the previous trainable. But if that is the best way - then why not go there on the previous move? 18.Rc1 Simple and strong - bringing the rook to the open file and trying to contest it. a6 *(It is hard to suggest what Black should do. The text move prepares the b5 idea. Something like 18...Rxc1+ 19.Qxc1 Bc6 20.Nd4 is no better, as White again dominated the entire board.)* 19.Bd6 b5 20.a4 A strong move, undermining the structure immediately and trying to open the b-file. Qxa4 *(20...bxa4 21.Rb8* is no better.*)* 21.Ra3 Qf4 22.Rxc8+ Nxc8 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Rxa6 White is completely winning since Black is still playing catch-up with their development. Their minor pieces are also not very ideal. We are very much intending to take the pawn on b5 next. However, we can also try the Qc2 - Qc7 idea. The engine already gives +2 for us. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M;

A3) 17...b6 18.Ba6 This virtually wins by force. Ra8 Trying not to lose an exchange, while leaving the d8 square for the queen. 19.Bd6 Qd8 20.Rc1 Black is completely busted here. Just look at the difference in the pieces! VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M;

B) Going to c7 is significantly inferior to 16...Qa5 As we have seen below, going with the queen to c7 is not ideal. Thus, the text move is much better. Especially since it also introduces ideas of Rc3 next. Note that this also indirectly defends the b7 pawn since our

bishop on a3 is somewhat exposed. which will be examined nest. The queen is simply much more exposed to various Rc1 and Bd6 ideas. Yet, it is played almost as frequently as 16... Qa5 according to the lichess database. 17.Qa1 White objectively doesn't have the advantage here. But this clever move, preventing the maneuver Rc3 , seems to be the best way of trying to keep the game going and posing practical problems. Note that the text move also defends the a2 pawn and thus prepares Bb4 . *(17.Qb1* looks more logical, but then after *Rc3* it seems to my patzer CM eyes it will be more difficult to pose some problems, as Black manages to exchange some pieces. *)* 17...Nc6 The best move, bringing the knight to a decent square and inviting the exchange of the bishops. It does cost black their b7 pawn, but they are two pawns up so they don't mind giving up one of them. 18.Bxf8 Rxf8 A better recapture, keeping the king on e8 in anticipation of Rxb7 . Black does want to keep the bishop on d7 defended. 19.Rxb7 Nb4 Once again the best move and the only clean equalizer, hitting the bishop on d3 , but also trapping the rook on b7 and threatening Bc6 . 20.Qb1 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8... Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M *(* And even though Black is very close to equality, they still need to be somewhat precise. We do have a good knight vs bad bishop scenario and their bishop on d7 is exposed. The computer thinks Rc3 is the only clean equalizer when we can bail out with *21.Rxa7* or continue playing for more with Qd4 , keeping more pieces on the board. Alas, if our opponents find all the best moves, we can't hope for more. It is good to know we have a 'failsafe' even if they do. But when playing this line, we are banking that our opponents will not know everything up to this point. Especially if it is not the only variation we play against the French. *)*]

[15...Nc4 This move is bad because it doesn't do anything against our idea of Rc1 . However, it is the 2nd most common move in the lichess database, although the sample size is very small. So it is perhaps worth devoting a trainable - if nothing else to illustrate our main idea. 16.Rc1 The point! The queen now has nowhere to go. Nxa3 17.Rxc3 Rxc3 18.Nfd4 And in contrast to the queen sacrifice we will soon see in the 15... Nec6 variation, this is much less favourable version because our pieces are much more active and the knight on a3 is stuck. White is objectively winning. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10. h5 Rc8: M]

16.Bxf8 This move, which was not mentioned by Kamil Plichta in the aforementioned course, will be our recommendation. As Jan put it: 'I like this idea, followed by Re2 against both Rxf8 or Kxf8 . Comp gives 0.00 but it leads to 'good knight vs bad bishop' positions with equal pawns that look tough for

Black.'

[This does not lead to objective advantage, but it is new, and leads to different types of positions, and avoids all the craziness of the main line with 16.Rc1 Qxe1+! 17.Qxe1 Bxa3 when Black has a bishop, a rook, and two pawns for the queen, but under good circumstances, since this time they don't have a trapped knight on a3 . Kamil analyzed this variation in some detail in the course. If you do not like the more 'positional' nature of the text move, you might investigate it on your own, too. Or check the alternative 11.Na3!? given at the end of this chapter.]

16...Kxf8

[Black has two ways of recapturing on f8. Taking with the king looks natural - especially since the b7 is not under threat, so there is less need to cover the d7 bishop. Still, it seems to be a less precise move than 16...Rxf8 , mainly because the rook can turn out to be useful on f8 and now it will take more time to activate it. As mentioned in the previous trainable, it is probably a bit more accurate to capture with the rook on f8 . Now Black has some ideas to play f6 and activate the rook much more quickly than in the previous variation.

A) For example, after Also, after 17.Re2 Nb4 18.Nxa5 Qxd3 19.Rd2 Qb5 20.Nxb7 Qxb7 21.Rd4 Rc4!? is now possible, since after 22.Rxc4 *(22.Qd2 a5 23.a3* Black has more than one good option, the best one seemingly being *Rxd4 24.Qxd4 Nc6!?* , once again benefiting from the fact we have no checks on the a3 - f8 diagonal. True, it is a big question how relevant these lines are for a practical game. It might still be worth going for this and hoping your opponent will not find all these moves, already starting with 17... Nb4 . Still, the text move does seem like a safer alternative.*)* 22...dxc4 we don't have a check on d6 .;

B) 17.Bf1 In this particular variation with the rook on f8 , I think it is more clever to retreat the bishop and avoid the whole Nb4 business rather than allow it, since Black has more options than in the variation with the king on f8 . 17...Nxb3 Black has several options in this position and more than one seems to yield them a reasonable position. Taking on b3 is quite 'obvious' and sensible, although it does lose the b7 pawn. *(* Note that something like *17...Qb4 18.Nxa5 Qxa5 19.Rxb7* would come to the more or less the same.*; 17...b6* Since we haven't created a threat of Rc2 with our last move, Black can also take it slower and simply deal with the threat to the b7 pawn. This does limit our rook on b1 , but it does weaken the light squares on the queenside - which we can immediately exploit. *18.Ba6 Rd8 19.Re3* Hitting the queen to the b-file and preparing a discovered attack by the knight. *Qb4 20.Nbd4 Qc5 21.Nb5* Creating the idea of Nd6 , exploiting that juicy d6 square. Although Nc7 is also on cards. *Nc4* Attacking the rook on e3 and preventing Nd6 . *22.Nc7+ Ke7 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Rc1* And for the umpteenth time

in this chapter, we reach a very unclear position where we are material down (two pawns) but where we have definite issues due to more space, active pieces, and opponent's weak king. Next, we want to play Rec3 and pressure the knight on c6 . Once we manage to chase it away, we will happily play Nd4 and bring the other knight closer to the action. Black already needs to be extremely careful and I think we have very good chances in a practical game. Conclusion: The variation involving the refusal of the immediate pawn sacrifice with 7... Bd7 seems to be Black's best way of dealing with the dangerous gambit proposed in this repertoire. Waiting for White to develop the knight to d2 and only then taking on c3 seems to be a much safer policy. There are quite a few variations in this chapter where we were unable to demonstrate a clear, objective advantage for the first player. However, it is a big question whether objective advantage matters when it comes to practical games. In almost all of the variations, White retains practical compensation and the initiative in return for the missing material. Quite often, Black's path toward the desired '0.00' evaluation is very narrow and full of only moves and difficult lines. Also, the very fact we are talking about '0.00' evaluations and not an advantage for Black is the best testament to the objective soundness of the entire variation with 6.Bd3. We think there is a reason why it scores very well in practice - even if it is much more mainstream than it was, say, a couple of years ago. Therefore, we do think it is as good a weapon against the French as any. We do hope you will employ it in your games and enjoy good results! VI. G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8... Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M) 18.Rxb3 Qa5 19.Rxb7 would come to the more or less the same. Ke7 20.Qd3 And we have a position very similar to the one examined in the 16... Kxf8 variation with the king on e7 and us capturing the b7 pawn. The verdict remains the same - Black is objectively fine, but we have more than sufficient compensation and our position is easier to play. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9. h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M]

17.Re2

[Going for the aforementioned idea of Re2. Now the threat is Rc2 and Black has to react. Note that it is also possible to play 17.Bf1 here. But with the king on f8 , it is not 100% necessary.]

17...Nxb3 Taking on b3 is one way of dealing with the threat. But it does cost the b7 pawn.

[17...Nb4 Going to b4 and hitting the bishop on d3 might be the most accurate way to equalize the position. But it is not the most obvious move in the position since it leaves the a5 knight hanging. 18.Nxa5 Qxd3 The point! Black would very much love the queen exchange. 19.Rd2 Which we are of course not providing. Qb5 Now it seems Black manages to consolidate, but the tactics don't end

here. 20.Nxb7 Qxb7 21.Rd4 a5 *(21...Rc4* is not good here in view of *22.Rxc4 dxc4 23.Qd6+* , winning the knight on b4 . Note that this is only possible because the king is on f8 .*)* 22.a3 And we will manage to regain the piece due to the pin on the b-file. True, Black will remain a pawn up with all pawns being on the same side of the board. But their bishop will be inferior to our knight and they still have some issues with the placement of the king. Thus, our position is easier to play and we are objectively not risking much. Although we don't have any objective advantage. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M *(* If this is not up your alley, make sure to: Check Bf1 or *22.Rc1* as the alternative on your own. Or our own analysis of the move Na3!? given at the end of this chapter as the alternative. *)*]

18.Rxb3 Qa5 19.Rxb7 Ke7 Now we see one of the points of what we said earlier. If the king needs to go to e7 anyway - then it would probably be better to already have the rook on f8 rather than h8 . True, in this particular case it doesn't make such a big difference. But from the principal standpoint, it is probably more accurate to take with the rook on f8 back on move 16. 20.Reb2 Rb8 21.Qb1 White has definite compensation for the pawn and our position is easier to play. We already have ideas of Rd7 , Rb7 , and Bb5 . If Black takes on b7 , we will play Bb5 next anyway. The engine does think this is equal, but with the king on e7 , it is not so easy for Black to coordinate and handle the position. I think we have very good practical chances. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Rc8: M

[12] For the moment, we continue with the natural development with the knight and steer the game toward positions similar to the main line. It is also possible to play **10.h5** , but since Black hasn't yet played h6 themselves, we have to account for the possibility of playing 10...g6!? here. Worth investigating on your own further.

[13] **10...dxc3** Almost exclusively played in this position. Waiting with this move until the knight appears on d2 is one of the points behind Black's setup. 11.bxc3 Ng6 Now the knight goes to g6 , pressures e5 , but also hints at some Nf4 ideas . 12.Nb3 Opening the bishop on c1 and preventing Nf4 . The knight on d2 commonly ends up on b3 in these positions. From here, it often jumps to d4 at a later point. 12...Qc7 Retreating the queen, attacking e5 , getting away from the potential Rb1 in the future and preparing to strike with f6 . 13.Qe2 Reinforcing the e5 pawn is a natural continuation. 13...f6 The point behind Black's play is this sharp move, trying to undermine the center. 14.exf6 gxf6 It is true that Black has somewhat exposed the e6 pawn and 'ruined' their kingside structure. On the other hand, they have opened the g-file and received a dangerous mobile pawn mass in the center of

the board. Very commonly in these lines, they would like to castle long. They also have ideas of jumping with the knight to f4 . 15.Rb1

[But this quiet rook move, bringing it to the b-file before doing anything else, wasn't mentioned by Anish in the aforementioned repertoire. The main point is to prevent Black's main idea of castling long, which was indeed Anish's solution in the line after 15.c4 0-0-0 which he considered in quite some detail.]

15...Bd6 Finally, developing the bishop to d6 and keeping the option of castling to either side of the board seems to be Black's best option in this position/variation.

[15...0-0-0 First of all - one of the points behind our previous move is to prevent Black from castling long. This is met with a very strong sacrifice of the bishop. 16.Bxa6 bxa6 17.Nc5 The point! We open the b-file and create a deadly threat of Qxa6 . Qa5 The only move, defending a6 and preventing Qxa6 . 18.Nb7 Hitting the queen and the rook on d8 . Qa4 19.Qe3 A strong move, threatening to go to b6 . d4 20.cxd4 Opening the c-file, still keeping the threat of Nxd8 , e. We have ideas of playing h5 or d5 next, while Bd2 - Rec1 is also a natural continuation. We have definite compensation for the missing piece and Black is the one who has to start finding the only moves to survive. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8... Nge7 9.h4 a6 #2]

[15...e5 Apart from castling long, this central pawn advance also seems quite logical. Still, since e4 is not an immediate threat due to the pin on the e-file, we are not that concerned. Especially since now, Nf4 is not possible for Black. Hence our next move. 16.h5 A strong move, kicking the knight away from g6 . Nge7 *(* In my opinion, the only move worth seriously considering. The engine does think it is also possible to leave the knight hanging with something like *16...Kf7* but then after *17.Qd1* we still retain the edge.*;* Just like after *16...0-0-0 17.Bxa6* , as in the previous trainable. Given how non-human it is to just leave the knight on g6 hanging for no apparent good reason, I will refrain from giving these as trainable.*)* 17.Nc5 The point! We have gained access to the c5 square and are currently hitting the b7 pawn. b5 *(*The only move, since *17...e4 18.Rxb7 exd3 19.Qxd3* is completely winning for White - the bishop on d7 is a goner. *)* 18.Nxd7 Qxd7 19.a4 *(* Trying to soften up the queenside is consistent and good. The immediate *19.Nh4 e4 20.Bc2* is not as good since there is no good way to activate the bishop on c2 *.)* 19...bxa4 Taking on a4 is not great. It opens the b-file and also allows us to go for the Bc2 - Bxa4 idea. *(19...e4* It seems that this fork just wins a piece, but it turns out the situation is not so simple. *20.axb5 axb5* Black has to recapture this pawn since allowing bxc6 with a gain of tempo on the queen on d7 is not sufficient. *21.Bxb5 exf3 22.Qxf3* Threatening Qxf6 , among other things. *Kf7 23.c4* And despite only having a pawn for the piece, White is in the driver's seat due to Black's lack of development and unsafe king. Next, we would like to play Bb2 and bring

the last piece to the game. We can consider moving the bishop away from b5 and then going for some Rb6 . While cxd5 is also very much on the menu. The engine thinks Black might be able to survive if they find the only moves. But it is not such an easy task in a practical game. Thus, we are hardly risking by going for this and can very much hope to reap the rewards of our brave play. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #4) 20.Nh4 A nice improving move, avoiding the e4 idea and bringing the knight closer to the king. e4 21.Bc2 The point! Now bishop has ideas of taking on a4 . Ne5 A logical reply, bringing the knight closer and defending the a4 pawn. 22.Bf4 Rg8 23.Bxe5 fxe5 24.c4 The final touch! This move destroys Black's center and the second player is in huge trouble. We want cxd5 or to take on e4 next. Black is lost due to the lack of development and unsafe king in the center. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #3]

16.Nbd4 This move, bringing the knight to d4 , opening up the rook, and hitting the e6 pawn, will be our recommendation in this line. It does not yield White objective advantage, but we do think it is a very venomous attempt that poses Black some immediate practical problems. The first one is - what to do about the attack on the e6 pawn.

[Note that it is also possible to play a bit more 'positionally' with 16.c4 here.]

16...e5 Advancing the e5 pawn seems like an obvious way to deal with the attack on the e6 pawn.

[16...Nce5 Apart from moving the e-pawn forward, Black can also try to jump with the knight and shield the e6 pawn from the attack. 17.Nxe5 We take on e5 and hope to demonstrate that either recapture by Black has some downsides. Nxe5 Taking with the knight seems a bit safer - but also less fun - for both sides. 18.Qh5+ Ke7 19.Bf1 And we have a complicated position where we are down a pawn, but where Black has the king stuck in the center. We very much want to play f4 to kick the knight from e5 away. While moves such as Be3 , Kh1 and c4 also all come to mind. Black might have enough to maintain the balance here, but they are the ones who have to be precise and find some good computer moves. Thus, I wouldn't mind having this position in a practical game. VI. G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9. h4 a6 #5]

17.Nf5 Our point! We now gain access to the f5 square and have managed to improve the knight somewhat. We also have the idea to take on d6 and then potentially on b7 . 17...Bc5 Moving the bishop out of the way and avoiding any Nxd6 stuff seems to be like a very logical move.

[17...b5 Black can try to advance the b-pawn and deal with the attack on it directly. This allows us to execute the idea we have seen previously in these lines. 18.a4 Not only undermining the structure, but also opening the a2 square for the queen. 0-0 19.Qa2 A nice move, hitting the d5 pawn and preventing the e4 threat. Nge7 20.Nxd6 Qxd6 21.Ba3 White has a nice position with the two bishops and

dark square control and a definite compensation for the pawn. Next, we might want to play Nd4 to improve that knight and avoid any e4 ideas and then can take it from there. At some point, we would like to play c4 and undermine the structure. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #8]

18.Ng7+ The point of our play! We take the opportunity to disturb the enemy king and intend to reroute the knight to h5 . Black has a choice - where to go with the king. And it is not an obvious one. 18...Kf7 Going to f7 seems quite logical and sensible - especially since it comes with a tempo on the knight on g7 . It might also be the best move in the position.

[18...Kd8 Going with the king to d8 seems to be possible since it avoids all sorts of potential sacrifices/ideas with Qxd5 . But it a difficult move to play for a human. 19.h5 Hitting the knight and trying to force it to a passive square. Bg4 A clever counter, hitting the g7 knight and the pawn on h5 . 20.Bf5 A nice reply, cutting the bishop's diagonal and threatening Ne6 . Qxg7 21.Bxg4 Nf4 22.Bxf4 Qxg4 23.Be3 Rg8 24.g3 Bxe3 25.Qxe3 And at the end of the day, we do remain a pawn down, but with the Black's king on d8 and the rook on a8 not playing, we have more than sufficient compensation. Our next ideas include Qc5 , Qb6 , or c4 . Black is the one who needs to be very careful - and their position is also more difficult to play. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #9]

19.Nh5 Now our knight is active and potential attacking ideas appear against the opponent's king. A better move than 19...e4 Note that advancing e4 is not good since we can simply take that pawn. , bringing the rook closer to the center and waiting to see what White will do next.

[19...Rae8 20.Bc2 *(Retreating the bishop and anticipating e4. Note that the wild 20.Ng5+!? is also possible.)* 20...e4 21.Qd2 A nice move, improving the queen, threatening Qxd5 but also Qh6 . Nce7 22.Nd4 With a complicated, unbalanced position where both sides have their chances. We are a pawn down, but all our pieces are quite active. We have ideas of Qh6 , Ng3 , even Qf4 , etc. Our rook is quite annoying on b1 . The position is objectively dynamically equal, but we do think our position is easier to play. Besides, it is always nice to see the eternal '0. 00' evaluation when we are the ones down a pawn. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #11]

20.Bxe4 dxe4 21.Qc4+ Be6 22.Qxc5 And now Black doesn't dare to take the knight on f3 . 22...exf3 23.Rxe6 Kxe6 24.Qc4+ VI.G) French Defence 5... Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #10

[Despite being a full rook up, Black is completely lost, since their king is out in the open. Two sample lines can be A) Ke7 24.Ba3 Kd8 Rd1 Kc8 Qe6 Kb8 Bd6!?]

[or B) Kd7 24.Nxf6 Kc8 Qe6 Kb8 Nd7 Ka7 Be3 , when Black loses in both cases. But it is hard to offer good advice anyway - the engine already gives +6 for us after the text move. This means that 19... e4 is best

to be avoided for the second player.]

14 Executing a nice pawn break we have already seen in this chapter. It has to be said it is also possible to continue in the gambit style and play for compensation with something like **11.Nb3** , forcing Black to take on c3 .

15 **14.Nxc4** Qc7 15.Bf4 Be7 16.Rac1 And White nevertheless retains some pressure in the position. Our next moves are Red1 , Qe4 , Ng5 , etc. VI.G) French Defence 5...Qb6-8...Nge7 9.h4 a6 #1

16 At this particular moment, it doesn't seem so urgent/smart to keep developing the queenside - it seems that move **8...Nge7** is more critical. Developing the knight to e7 and trying to get it to g6 also makes a lot of sense in this position. It is the 2nd most common move in the lichess database, played in 27% of the games. Yet, it might be the best move for Black in this position. Or at the very least, the trickiest to meet over the board since we do need to remember one atypical idea. 9.Be3 As previously seen - developing the bishop to e3 and hitting the queen on b6 is one of the main ways of justifying our opening concept. It is true that this move seemingly drops the b2 pawn, but it turns out we are not concerned with Black taking that pawn.

[Do note that 9.Na4 , defending the pawn and attacking the queen, is also possible.]

9...Qxb2 As mentioned above - taking the b2 pawn is extremely risk. Especially in this position with the knight on e7 , since Black also has no control over the d6 square. Our next move basically wins on the spot.

[Going to a5 does make some sense, since it avoids ideas connected with Bg5 pin that will be seen in the main variation with 9...Qd8 However, the queen is more exposed on this square than she would be, say, on d8 . 10.Bg5 In this particular variation with the knight on e7 , we need to play more creatively and energetically given the idea of going Ng6 . Thus, pinning the knight on e7 , preventing Ng6 , intending to play Nb5 next, and trying to provoke a6 is a key idea. *(*Variations such as *10.Nb5 Ng6;* or *10.Rc1 Ng6* are not sufficient for White.*;* Also note that playing *10.Re1 Ng6 11.Bd2* , in the style of the 9... Qa5 variation isn't as good, since after *Be7* Black has one extra tempo that wasn't spent on playing Qa5 - Qd8 . Therefore, after *12.g3 0-0 13.h4 f6!?* Black is one move faster to undermine our center and this entirely changes the evaluation of the position. After 10. Bg5 , White has decent practical results - 56% of wins in the lichess database. *)*

A) 10...Qb6 The first thing we need to ask ourselves is - what happens if Black simply moves the queen away from the pin. The b6 seems like the most sensible square since the queen attacks the b2 pawn. 11.h4 A nice and useful move, anticipating the move Ng6 and intending to play h5 at the right

moment. *(* It is also possible to start with *11.Re1* , but then after *Ng6 12.h4* Black has the option of playing *Be7!?* , which we want to avoid. *)*

A1) Going to g6 and pressuring the e5 pawn is sensible, but it allows us to demonstrate the main point of our previous move. Note that the b2 pawn is still taboo in view of 11...Qxb2 12.Nb5;

A2) 11...h6 Hitting the bishop and forcing it away from g5 makes some sense - but it does weaken the g6 square. 12.Be3 Qd8 Taking on b2 is still bad. 13.Rc1 VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #4 *(* A useful move, bringing the rook to the open file. We don't need to prevent Ng6 by moving our h-pawn forward, since Ng6 *13.Bg6* is extremely good for us.*;* It is hard to find a good move for Black, though, since Nf5 loses the d5 pawn after *13.Bf5* and Qxd5 next. Since this is already unexplored territory, I think it is okay to stop the trainable here and claim more than sufficient compensation for the pawn.*;* Thus, Black can try Bd7 , but they still have trouble with developing their kingside. One sample line can be *13.Bc5!?* (Not the only move, btw.) *Nf5 14.Bxf8 Kxf8 15.Bxf5 exf5 16.Qxd5* when we have regained the pawn and are happy Black's coordination has been ruined by the fact they can no longer castle. *)*;

A3) 11...Ng6 12.h5 Of course! We don't care about the e5 pawn at this point - all our pieces are in the game. Ngxe5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Re1 And White has a massive initiative in view of the pin on the e-file and Nxd5 ideas, irrespective if Black takes the bishop ojn d3 or not. We want to play h6 next, we even have ideas of playing Rxe5 , etc. The engine not only gives us the compensation - but claims we already have a very big advantage. And remember it is always easier to attack rather than defend in practical play. VI. F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #3;

B) 10...Qc7 was also seen in the lichess database, but it loses on the spot in view of 11.Nb5 and Nd6 next.;

C) 10...Qa5 is met similarly with 11.h4 , when we can make an argument the queen is worse on a5 . Given that this is barely played, I don't think there is much sense in covering it.;

D) 10...h6 Secondly, attacking the bishop on g5 immediately and trying to break the pin makes a lot of sense. But this allows us to reveal yet another point behind our previous move! Note that this is by far the most common move in the lichess database, played in 49% of the games. 11.Nb5 Very strong! The knight on e7 still can't move, so Black has no good way to cover the d6 square. Thus, they should bite the bullet and accept the piece sacrifice. hxg5 12.Nd6+ Kd7

13.Nxf7 Qe8 14.N3xg5 *(* This is stronger than taking the rook immediately, since after *14.Nxh8 Qh5* our knight on h8 is stuck in the corner. Now we have various attacking ideas based on Nd6 , Nxe6 and Qxg4 stuff. *)*

D1) 14...Rh6 Finally, going to h6 and trying to defend the e6 pawn, avoiding any Nxe6 ideas, also seems sensible. Once again, Black doesn't really mind if we take that rook on h6 . 15.Rc1 *(* A useful move, bringing the rook to the open c-file and anticipating that the king will try to run. It is also possible to play *15.f4* , but here we don't need this move. Of course, we are not interested in taking the rook on h6 . *)* 15...Kc7 A logical human move, trying to run with the king. Given that this exact position was never seen in practice, it is hard to tell how exactly our opponents might react. I don't think it makes sense to try and cover all the possible engine lines. *(*Let me just add that *15...a6 16.b4* doesn't help Black.*;* Perhaps *15...a5!?* preventing us from pushing b4 might be the best. But it does weaken the b5 square and allows us to play *16.Qa4* , introducing the idea of b4 once again. Given how random that move looks, I would be surprised if our opponents played it. So, let's focus on the more 'natural' reaction.*)* 16.b4 Very direct and straightforward, pushing the pawns on the side of the board where the opponent's king is. Kb8 17.b5 Kicking the important defensive piece. Not unsurprisingly, White already has a decisive advantage, in view of the difference in piece activity and king safety. We have many options, such as Qe1 - Qc3 , Qb3 , playing slowly with f4 , etc. We don't need to hurry - Black can't unravel that easily. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #7;

D2) 14...Rg8 Just to illustrate, going with the rook to g8 loses on the spot - and by force. 15.Nd6 Qd8 16.Nxe6 Kxe6 17.Qg4+ Kxe5 18.Nf7+ Kf6 19.Qf3+ And finally, White will win the queen on d8 . True, Black will have three pieces for it, but it will not be sufficient in view of the safety of their king. White is completely winning. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #5;

D3) 14...Rh4 Going to h4 prevents us from playing Qg4 in any variation and also prepares to play Qh5 , seeking the queen trade. 15.f4 A useful move, defending the knight on g5 , so that Qh5 will not come with a threat to that knight. Kc7 Running with the king makes a lot of sense. 16.Qe1 Also a nice move, hitting the rook and preparing the thematic push of the b-pawn. Rh6 17.Nd6 Qh5 Threatening Qxh2 . 18.h3 Bd7 19.b4 And White has definite compensation for the piece given Black's coordination, piece activity, and king safety. We have

some very easy moves in the form of a4 , b5 , Rc1 . If the knight comes to f5 , we can even play g4 . Even though we are material down, we should be happy to play such a position, as Black is the one who has to find some tough defensive moves. Their position is much harder to play. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #6;

E) 10...a6 Last but not least, taking the b5 square under control and preventing us from ever playing Nb5 might be Black's best move. It is also the 3rd most common move in the lichess database. The downside of this move is that it weakens the b6 square. 11.Rc1 For the moment, we make a useful rook move and wait to see what Black will do. h6 Chasing our bishop makes a lot of sense. It is true that this makes the option of Ng6 less appealing due to the weakness of the g6 square. But it is hard for Black to execute this plan anyway. 12.Be3 We are not unhappy to go back and place the bishop on a diagonal that covers the b6 square. This position is very unexplored, as it was featured in only 16 games in the lichess database. We have checked two logical continuations for Black.

E1) 12...Nf5 13.Bxf5 exf5 14.Na4 Much stronger than taking the pawn on d5 , after which Black would play Be6 and have an acceptable position, because they are slightly better developed compared to the previous variation where the same Nf5 idea was indeed followed by taking on f5 and then on d5 . Be6 A logical move, developing the bishop and giving some breathing room to the rook on a8 . 15.Nd4 A good move, changing the direction again and eyeing the bishop on e6 . We are not yet hurrying with any Nb6 or Bb6 ideas, but instead improving the prospect of the knight on d4 .

E1a) 15...Nxd4 Exchanging the knights and avoiding any Nxe6 ideas - or Nxc6 ideas for that matter - is much better than taking on e5 . 16.Bxd4 Now that the knight on c6 has been exchanged, the c-file is in our hands, and we have ideas of Bb6 - Bc7 . Black should probably prevent this. Rc8 Opposing the rook on the c-file makes a lot of sense. 17.Nc5 A nice move, jumping to c5 and eliminating Black's bishop pair. Qb6 *(Probably the best move, giving up the bishop on e6 . 17...Bxc5 18.Bxc5* is clearly worse since Black has issues with castling and the dark squares. Their dark-squared bishop is superior to their light-squared bishop. Note that all the moves up to this point are far from obvious for the 2nd player. *)* 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.Rxc8+ Qxc8 20.e6 And even though Black is very close to equality and should objectively be fine with best play, we are still the ones posing questions, despite our

lack of material. We want to either take on f7 or play Qh5 if Black takes on e6 , in each case causing some issues with our opponent's king safety. They should indeed be able to hold with best play, but I do think this task is not at all so easy in a practical game and that we are barely risking anything. Besides, they needed to find several precise moves to even get here. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #9;

E1b) 15...Nxe5 Taking on e5 is way too greedy here. Black is not sufficiently developed to get away with such escapades. 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bf4 Targeting the knight on e5 . We want to play Re1 and target the e6 pawn. Or follow it up with Bc7 and Nb6 combo. Black is already busted. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #8;

E2) Since 12...Ng6 13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Qc2 is good for White, it makes sense to check the alternative knight jump to f5 . It does seemingly return the pawn, but it turns out this is not at all so bad for Black. In fact, this move might be Black's best option in the position.;

E3) 12...Bd7 Developing the bishop to d7 before moving the knight on e7 is quite logical. But it does create a 'traffic jam' of Black's pieces and basically forces Black to return the pawn on the very next move. 13.Na4 Now we have some ideas of playing Bb6 and Nc5 , or Nb6 and Bc5 , with some sort of a bind.

E3a) To understand why a radical move such as 13...d4 , which will be analyzed next, might be required, let's check what happens if Black goes for this passive approach, adding more control to the b6 square. It is true that this deals with the immediate threats, but it places the knight on a bad square, cuts the communication between the queen on d8 and the rook on a8 and, in general, worsens the coordination of our opponent's pieces. 14.Bxd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 The point! Black has returned the pawn, but eliminated our dark squared bishop and obtained the advantage of the bishop pair. Still, our remaining pieces are extremely active so they have to be very careful. We have ideas like Be4 and Qb3 , with immense queenside pressure. Rc8 The best and useful move, contesting the c-file while not yet determining the position of the knight on e7 . This also creates the threat of Rxc1 and Bxa4 . *(*The immediate *15...Nd5 16.Be4;* or *15...Nc6 16.Be4* is quite good for White.*)* 16.Nc5 *(* The best move, trying to keep more pieces on the board - or at least exchange the right pieces. The problem

with the move such as *16.Rxc8* is *Bxc8* when *17.Be4* has much less impact due to the fact that the b7 has been defended. Black's position is also eased to a certain extent due to the rook exchange - after all, they are the ones who have less space.*)* 16...Nd5 A strong reply. It turns out that Black doesn't have to worry about the b7 pawn and can simply put more pressure on the c5 knight, forcing some trades. 17.Nxd7 *(* Trades are impossible to avoid - but White at least takes the d7 bishop on the way. Note that *17.Nxb7 Rxc1 18.Qxc1* loses to *Qb6* with the double attack on both knights. *)* 17...Rxc1 18.Qxc1 Qxd7 19.Rd1 And the game is objectively equal. But we can claim to be on the better side of equality due to our slight lead in development and some ideas connected to Nf5 and Bc4 stuff. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #11 *(* For example, after the natural Be7 we have *19.Nf5!? exf5 20.Bc4* O-O Bxd5 with a tiny bit of pressure. This position is equal, but NOT an automatic draw. If our opponent knows the line this well and plays all the difficult moves, there is not much we can do. I do think it is quite unlikely, given how rare this variation of the French is and that the move 10.Bg5!? might take them by surprise. There is a reason why it scores very well in practice. *)*;

E3b) 13...Nc8 14.a3 Now we switch to very slow play. The idea behind this move is to prevent the move Nb4 and then Bxa4 , leading to some simplifications. Na5 Arguably the best move - although not an easy one. Black eyes the c4 square and intends to jump with the knight there. 15.Nc5 Dealing with any issues related to Nc4 and b5 and simply placing the knight on an active square. We want moves such as b4 or Re1 next. Nb6 Improving the other knight and eyeing the c4 square once again. 16.b4 Hitting the defender of the b7 pawn and basically forcing the reply. Bxc5 17.Bxc5 And we are extremely happy with our position, since all the dark squares are ours. Black has a difficult time to castle the king. We have the d4 square for the knight, f4 - f5 ideas and more than sufficient compensation for the pawn. VI. F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #10]

[Finally, apart from taking the pawn on b2 or going to a5 , Black can also retreat the queen to d8 . Once again, this is much better than 9...Qc7 which runs into the immediate 10.Nb5]

[Also note that 9...d4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Qxd4 12.Bb5+ is the good old trick that justifies us playing Be3 .]

[9...Qa5 10.Re1 A useful move,

anticipating the move Ng6 putting more pressure on the e5 pawn. Ng6 A logical move, attacking the e5 pawn and making room for the bishop to come to e7 . 11.Bd2 This move exploits the positioning of the queen on a5 . The pawn on e5 is defended and potential discoveries on the queen are threatened! Qd8 Probably the best reaction, simply moving the queen away from a5 and avoiding all sorts of issues once and for all. But considering Black goes to d8 now, it is questionable why they didn't go to d8 back on move 9. 12.g3 A useful move, intending to play h4 next. Be7 A logical developing move, intending to castle. 13.h4 0-0 14.h5 Nh8 15.Qc2 Provoking the wekening on the kingside. g6 We are happy to provoke this move since now breaking with f6 seems less attractive for Black. Aside from the fact this move does weaken some dark squares. 16.Bh6 Immediately exploiting the weakness of these squares and targeting the rook on f8 . Nb4 Trying to at least get the bishop pair and eliminate our light squared bishop. 17.Qd2 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 And White nevertheless retains a big advantage. Look at the knight on h8 and the bishop on c8 . We have ideas of playing Ne2 - Nf4 , or Nh2 - Ng4 next. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #2]

10.Nb5 We have threats of Rb1 , Nc7 and Nd6 and Black can't really deal with them all. 10...Kd8 Desperately trying to cover the c7 square, but now we hit from the other side. Still, it is hard to suggest what else should Black play. 11.Ng5 Now the f7 pawn comes under the attack. 11...Nxe5 12.Bd4 And Black is completely busted. VI. F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Nge7 #1

[17] Note that the immediate **9.Be3** , in the analogy with the previous lines, is also good.

[18] **9...Qd8** Going back to d8 seems a bit safer, since the queen is less exposed. But it still doesn't really prevent our main idea of Be3 - Bb6 . 10.Be3 As mentioned above, we are exploiting the weakness of the b6 square and we want to play Bb6 next. 10...Bd7 A logical developing move, which also makes some room for the queen, in anticipation of Bb6 . 11.Bb6 Qb8 This was the point of Black's previous move. But it is clear something has gone wrong for the second player in the opening if they already have to embark on such deep concepts such as this one. 12.Re1 A logical move, defending the e5 pawn and improving the rook. 12...Nge7 Also logical, developing the knight and potentially intending Nc8 or Ng6 . 13.Rc1 A nice move, bringing the rook to the open file and creating the option of playing Bc7 if the knight ever moves from c6 . 13...Nc8 Also quite logical, trying to get rid of the annoying bishop on b6 . 14.h4 Not moving the bishop and simply trying to gain some space on the kingside. h4 - h5 idea is very typical for this entire variation. We are not at all disturbed by losing our bishop. 14...Nxb6 15.Nxb6 And here Black's

best bet is probably to just sacrifice the rook on a8 , since moving it to a7 goes from bad to worse. 15...Ra7 16.Ng5 Very annoying for Black, creating threats of Nxd7 and Nxf7 . 16...Qd8 17.Qf3 Qxb6 18.Nxf7 And White will win the rook on h8 and retain a massive positional advantage. Black can't play like this. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 a6 #2

[19] Consistent with the previous play, but just very bad. Objectively, Black should play something like **10...Nge7** when we can transpose to the 9... Qd8 variation after 11.Bb6 - or try to exploit the position of the queen on c7 with something like Rc1 first.

[20] **14.Rac1** Black is in big trouble. Bf4 is the first threat, their king is in middle of the 'war zone' and they have no development. The engine already gives +7 for White - and it is not even that surprising. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 a6 #3

[21] Note that the calmer **9.Re1** is also possible. But as everybody's favorite detective, Benoit Blanc would say - in for a penny, in for a pound. (If you don't know who that is, stop studying on Chessable and go watch Knives Out, please).

[22] **9...Qd8** 10.Rc1 We continue similarly as in the previous variation, bringing the rook to the c-file. Black again has some options. 10...Be7 Developing the e7 bishop and intending to castle looks sensible. But it does prevent the g8 knight from going to e7 and is, therefore, not ideal.

[Note that 10...a6 is also met with 11.Na4 which has even more points now that the b6 square has been weakened.]

[10...Nge7 Developing the knight to e7 and trying to go to g6 is once again the best move in the position. But this seems to lead to inferior version of the 8... Nge7 lines, since it is a big question how urgent it was to move the bishop to d7 . 11.Bg5 Note that there are 25 games in the lichess database that featured this move and the score is a whooping 84% for White.

A) 11...a6 Defending the b5 square and preventing the knight from jumping there makes a lot of sense, but it is very similar to the variation examined via the 8... Nge7 move order. 12.Na4 Immediately trying to exploit the weakness of the dark squares on the queenside. h6 13.Nc5 An additional option we have available via this move order! Due to the threat of Nxb7 and Nd6 , Black is not in time to take our bishop on g5 . Bc8 *(As mentioned above, 13...hxg5 14.Nxb7 is winning for White.)* 14.Be3 And White has a good version of the similar position that was examined via the 8... Nge7 move order. Re1 , h4 , etc are all on the agenda. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Bd7 #6;

B) 11...Qb8 This paradoxical queen move, getting out of the pin

on the least exposed square and trying to utilize the fact that Bd7 has been played, is the first choice of the engine in this position. I don't think it is very likely our opponents will be able to find it unless they have specifically looked at this variation at home, but let us cover it a bit. 12.Re1 We continue with the normal and desirable rook move. Ng6 The point behind Black's play was to execute this knight move. Note how the queen from b8 is doing a good job pressuring the e5 pawn. 13.Bxg6 Forced! Without h6 being played, this is not as strong, but we do have to eliminate the g6 knight and deal with the threat to our e5 pawn. hxg6 14.Qd2 a6 15.h3 A curious moment! White doesn't have obvious ways of improving the position, so we make a useful move, giving some luft to our king. It is surprising how this might be relevant, but later down the road, it can turn out to be quite important. *(* For example, we also checked *15.a3 Be7 16.Bxe7 Nxe7 17.Ne2 Qd8 18.Ned4 Rc8 19.Qb4 Rc7* and here it turned out that *20.Rxc7 Qxc7 21.Re3* is not as good due to *Qc1+* , highlighting the issues of our back rank. A line like this one provides justification for the slow h3 move.*)* 15...Be7 Developing the bishop to e7 and challenging the one on g5 looks very natural. 16.Bxe7 There is not much point in keeping the bishops on the board. With this exchange, we at least weaken our opponent's dark squares a little bit. Nxe7 17.Ne2 The knight can no longer go to a4 since the bishop is controlling that square. So we reroute it to 'greener pastures' and intend to put it to d4 . Qd8 Bringing the queen back into the action and preparing the future Rc8 . Note that Black is not in a rush to castle, since they could run into some attack with Ng5 - Qf4 - Qh4 . Instead, they keep the king in the center for now and intend to make some useful improving moves such as Nf5 / Nc6 and Rc8 next. 18.Ned4 VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Bd7 #7 *(* Bringing the knight to the center and potentially intending to play Nb3-Nc5 in the future. We also have ideas of Re3-Rec3 or Qb4. True, Black is objectively totally fine after something like Nf5 *18.b3* Nxd4 Qxd4 *Rc8 19.Qb4;* or *18.Rc8* Qb4 Rc7 Rxc7 Qxc7 Re3 , but in both cases we have more than sufficient compensation for the pawn and can perhaps continue playing for a little bit. Although it has to be said we are hoping that our opponents won't be able to get here if they play 7... dxc3 , since there are a lot of traps to be avoided along the way. Conclusion: 7... dxc3 is principled, but extremely risky way of meeting the variation with 6. Bd3 cxd4 7.O-O!? By taking the pawn and getting our knight on c3 , Black gives us a lot of initiative. We have seen a number of variations throughout this chapter where White was able to win quickly and basically out of the opening. True, objectively, we weren't unable to find the

advantage against Black's best line of play. The variations with 8...Nge7 , but also 8...Bd7 seem to hold if Black finds all the right moves. With that being said, unless our opponent is extremely well prepared, executing this task is not easy. There is a reason why 7... dxc3 is barely seen at the masters level and why White's results in the lichess database are very favourable. I therefore, think, we have absolutely no reason to fear facing 7... dxc3 in our games. On the contrary, I think we should encourage it.);

C) 11...h6 Okay, to be fair, White's score can partly explained by the fact moving the pawn to h6 is Black's most common reply. This loses immediately. 12.Nb5 And with the bishop on d7 , this is even more devastating than in the line examined previously since Nd6 now comes with a mating threat. Black is busted. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Bd7 #5]

11.Na4 Going for this maneuver and eyeing the c5 square nevertheless. We are trying to provoke b6 since it would weaken the light squares b5 and a6 . 11...Nh6

[Trying to develop the knight and castle is sensible. 11...b6 merely weakens the light squares and after 12.Nc3 we are reverting back to Nb5 / Ba6 ideas.]

12.Nc5 The knight is quite strong here. Black obviously doesn't want to take and give up the dark squared bishop. 12...Bc8 Retreating the bishop, but at least defending the b7 pawn and avoiding any Nxd7 ideas. 13.Bxh6 Finally, we decide to take on h6 and ruin Black's structure. 13...gxh6 14.Rc3 A very useful move, intending to transfer the rook to the kingside soon. If Black plays d4 , we would be happy to provoke it and gain access to the e4 square. If they castle, we will play moves such as Bb5 , Qd2 , etc. Despite the extra pawn, Black is worse due to their development issues. Their king will also not feel too safe on either side of the board. VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Bd7 #4

Finally, retreating the queen to d8 , just like in the 8...Nge7 lines, seems to be the most reliable option. It is the 2nd most common move in the lichess database, just barely edged out by **9...Qc7** , which is inferior, since after 10.Rc1 there might be issues along the c-file. Thus we get a better version of the 9... Qd8 lines, so the Qc7 concept is not worth analyzing seriously.

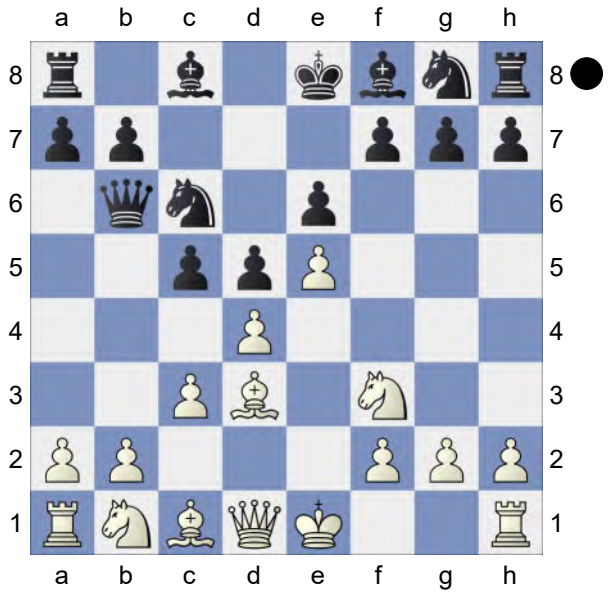
[23] Seemingly more sensible than **10...Kd8** , which is met in a very similar manner with 11.Rb1 Qxa2 12.Ra1 Qb2 13.Re1 , when Re2 is next on the agenda.

[24] Black's best bet is trying to give up the queen for some material. Note, btw that **13...Nxe5** is met with 14.Bd4 , when 14...Nxd3 , giving up the queen, is probably the best course of action.

14.Rb1

[Forcing the queen back to a2 before doing anything else. 14.Re2 Qb4 15.Ra4 axb5 is actually not so bad for

Black.]
14...Qa2 15.Re2 Qa5 Now it seems as if the queen is escaping, but there is a nice tactic available. 16.Bb6 Finally catching the queen.
16...Qxb5
[Black's best bet, since 16...Qxb6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Rxb6 also wins the b7 pawn.]
17.Bxb5 axb5 18.Rxb5 Nxe5 19.Nxe5 Very strong, returning the exchange, but keeping all the pieces active.
19...Bxb5 20.Rc2 And at the end of the day, Black is not down so much material, having a bishop, a rook and three pawns for the queen. However, the quality of their pieces is killing them. We not only have threats on the queenside - but also on the kingside with Qh5 ideas coming next. White is, therefore, completely winning. Line VI.F) French Defence with 5..-8. Nxc3 Bd7 #3



C02 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3

	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	. . . f6	0-0 Bd7	dxc5 Bxc5	b4 Be7	Bf4 fxe5	Nxe5 Nxe5	Bxe5 Nf6	Nd2 0-0[1]
2	. . . Nge7	dxc5 Qxc5	Qe2 Ng6	0-0 Be7	b4 Qb6	b5 Na5	h4 Bxh4	Nxh4 Nxh4[2]
3	. . . cxd4	0-0 Bd7	cxd4 Nxd4	Nxd4 Qxd4	Nc3 Qxe5?![3]	Re1 Qc7?![4]	Nxd5 Qa5	Bc4 Ne7[5]
4	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	Re1 Rc8	Nbd2 dxc3	bxc3 Qc7	c4 dxc4	Nxc4 Bc5	Ng5[6]
5	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . a6	Nbd2 dxc3	bxc3 Bc5	Qe2 Na5	c4 dxc4	Bxc4 Ne7[7]
6	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . dxc3	Nxc3 Nb4	Be3 Bc5[8]	Bxc5[9] Qxc5	Bb1 Ne7	a3 Nbc6[10]
7	. . . . . .	. . . . . .	. . . Nge7	Nbd2[11] dxc3	bxc3 Ng6	Nb3 Qc7[12]	Qe2 Be7	Rb1 a6[13]
8	. . . . . .	. . . Nge7	cxd4 Nf5	Bxf5 exf5	Nc3 Be6	Na4 Qc7	Be3 h6	Ne1 Be7[14]

[1] **14.Bd4** Preparing a bind on e5, and ideally a knight should be placed there. 14...Qc7 15.Re1 Bd6 16.Nf3 With a lovely central configuration and a bind on the e5-square. 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector MBG: 5...Qb6 /

[2] **14.Ba3** With colossal compensation. 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector MBG: 5...Qb6 /

[3] **10...a6** 11.Re1

[4] **11...Qb8** 12.Nxd5

[5] **14.b4** 0.79 Qd8 0.87 15.Nc3? 0.52 Mistake. Nf4 was best.
[15.Nf4]
15...Rc8 0.58 16.Qd3?! -0.75 Inaccuracy. Qb3 was best.
[16.Qb3 Nf5 17.Bf1 Be7 18.Bb2 Bf6 19.b5 0-0 20.Red1 h6 21.Rd2 Nd4]
16...Nc6?! 0.21 Inaccuracy. Ng6 was best.
[16...Ng6 17.Rb1 Be7 18.Bb5 Bxb5 19.Qxd8+ Rxd8 20.Nxb5 a6 21.Na7 b5 22.Be3]
17.Ne4?? -2.98 Blunder. Bb2 was best.
[17.Bb2 Nxb4 18.Qe2 Be7 19.Rad1 0-0 20.Ne4 Nd5 21.Bxd5 exd5 22.Rxd5 Qc7]
17...Bxb4?? 1.18 Blunder. Ne5 was best.
[17...Ne5 18.Qg3 Nxc4 19.Bf4 f6 20.Rac1 Kf7 21.Red1 Qe8 22.Bh6 gxh6 23.Nxf6]
18.Nd6+?? -0.71 Blunder. Qg3 was best.
[18.Qg3]
18...Bxd6 -0.81 19.Qxd6 -0.77 Qe7? 0.00 Mistake. Qc7 was best.
[19...Qc7 20.Qd1]
20.Ba3?? -0.25 Blunder. Qg3 was best.
[20.Qg3 0-0 21.Bb2 f6 22.Ba3 Nb4 23.Qb3 a5 24.Bxe6+ Bxe6 25.Rxe6 Qf7]
20...Qxd6 -0.16 21.Bxd6 -0.22 Nd4 -0.45 22.Rac1 -0.36 f6 -0.98
23.Bb3?? -4.33 Blunder. f4 was best.
[23.f4 a6]
23...Rxc1 -4.96 24.Rxc1 -4.11 Nxb3?? -1.14 Blunder. Ne2+ was best.
[24...Ne2+ 25.Kf1 Nxc1 26.Bc2 Bb5+ 27.Ke1 Kd7 28.Ba3 Nd3+ 29.Kd2 Rd8 30.f3]
25.axb3 -1.92 Bc6 -1.33 26.b4 -1.09 a6 -1.27 27.Rd1 -2.97 Kf7 -1.23
28.Bc7?! -2.27 Inaccuracy. Bc5 was best.
[28.Bc5 Rc8 29.h4 Bd5 30.Rc1 Rc7 31.Be3 Bc6 32.Rd1 Bb5 33.Bc5 h5]
28...Re8?! -1.43 Inaccuracy. Rc8 was best.
[28...Rc8 29.Bf4 g5 30.Be3 g4 31.Rd4 h5 32.Rc4 Rd8 33.Rd4 Ra8 34.Rd1]
29.h3 -2.89 Re7 -1.37 30.Bf4 -1.24 Rd7 -1.36 31.Rc1? -3.48 Mistake. Rxd7+ was best.
[31.Rxd7+ Bxd7 32.Bc7 e5 33.Kf1 Ke6 34.Bd8 Bc6 35.h4 Kd5 36.Be7 Kc4]
31...Rd4 -3.36 32.g3 -3.26 Rxb4 -3.26 33.Bd6 -3.15 Rb5 -3.28 34.h4 -3.38 a5 -3.45 35.g4 -4.91 a4 -4.99 36.Ra1 -4.97 Rd5 -4.97 37.Bg3 -4.45 e5 -4.45 38.g5 -4.31 Rd3 -4.95 39.gxf6 -5.73 gxf6 -5.85 40.h5 -5.63 a3 -5.97 41.Kf1 -7.95 b5 -5.65 42.Ke2 -5.85 Rb3 -5.98 43.Kd1 -5.46 Bd5 -5.68 44.Kc1 -6.89 b4 -5.23 45.Kc2 -6.79 Rb2+ -5.13 46.Kc1 -7.09 Ra2 -7.38 47.Rb1? -#10 Checkmate is now unavoidable. Rxa2 was best.
[47.Rxa2 Bxa2 48.Kd2 b3 49.Ke3

b2 50.Bxe5 fxe5 51.f4 exf4+ 52.Kxf4 b1Q] 47...b3 -#9 48.h6 -#7 b2+ -#8 49.Kc2 -#8 Be4+ -#7 50.Kc3 -#7 Bxb1 -#6 51.Kb3 -#5 Ra1 52.f3 Bf5 53.Kc4 b1Q 54.Kc5 Qc2+ 55.Kb4 Rb1+ 56.Ka5 Bd7 57.Ka6 Qa4# 0-1 (57) Boerner,M-Krueger,J Willingen GER 2024

[6] already leaves Black in dire straits with both Qh5 and Ne4 threatened. Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #22

[7] **14.Rb1** Qc7 15.Bd3 Bc6 16.Ne4 Bxe4 17.Qxe4 when Black is intact on the dark squares, but his king isn't so happy and once again the bridgehead on e5 ensures that White retains at least full compensation, with Bd2 and Rec1 one plan, Qg4 another. Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #23

[8] **10...Qa5** 11.Bf1 Preparing to kick the knight out next. 11...Ne7 12.a3 Nbc6 13.b4 Qd8 0-1 CC StartBracket CC 34 CC EndBracket CC Byambaa, U. CC StartBracket CC 2057 CC EndBracket CC -Munkhchuluun, T. CC StartBracket CC 1978 CC EndBracket CC Los Angeles 2022. 14.Bg5 a6 15.b5 Breaking apart Black's seemingly solid fortress. Our lead in development is serious after all. 15...Na5 16.bxa6 bxa6 17.Rb1 h6 18.Be3 Nc4 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Nd2 The knight has a very bright future on d6. 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline

[9] **11.Na4** Bxa4 12.Qxa4+ Nc6 13.Bxc5 Qxc5 14.Qg4 A key move to provoke a concession. 14...Kf8 15.a3 White has a ready made attack on the kingside and we're not done winning tempi on the queen yet! 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline

[10] **14.Qd2** followed by b4, Bc2 and Na4, thereby retaining a bind and full compensation for the pawn. Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #16

[11] **9.h4** Virtually the only choice in practice. I'd say that nowadays this position is cutting-edge against the French. Like 10-20 years ago people were mostly testing 3.Nc3 or 3.Nd2 but since Black has found the right solutions everywhere there, new paths are explored in the Advanced Variation. The move 9. h4 is designed to fight against ... Ng6 and it also features two ideas:• To grab space on the kingside.• To feel like a modern engine CC StartBracket CC every top engine loves pushing flank pawns CC EndBracket CC. This is a very thematic continuation against ... Nge7. Black continues experiencing difficulties developing and h4 obviously makes Ng6 unappealing. Also it simply is a useful space gaining 'pass'. The choice of Hector and Jones. White simply wants to dissuade ...Ng6 . Once again the old-school 9.cxd4?! Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd4 11.Nc3 doesn't really convince after 11... a6! , But it is possible to follow in

Carlsen's footsteps with 9.Nbd2 when 9...dxc3 10.bxc3 Rc8 11. Nb3 Qc7 12.h4!? would be Carlsen-Harikrishna once again.

9...h6 A useful plan. We make sure White's h-pawn won't make it to h6 and we cover g5 just in case. Useful moves that we might implement next are ...a6 CC StartBracket CC as always CC EndBracket CC and ... Rc8.I can even imagine some strange world where we might use the pawn on h6 to push ...g5 but I'd be extremely careful with this. Black's most common response, passing a move back controlling the g5-square. 9...Rc8 10.h5 10. Nbd2!? was possible as always. Now Black just transposes to the main line after ...h6. 10...h6 transposes to 9... h6. Black's main move in the limited practice thus far, preventing any ideas of Ng5, as well as h5-h6.

[9...a6 is proposed by Giri in his 'Lifetime Repertoires: French Defense' course, with the idea of 10. h5 g6!? . White might instead be consistent with our main line and Carlsen's approach: 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Giri's idea is Ng6 when 12. h5? Bc5! would not be wise. As such, White should dampen down Black's possibilities: 12.Nb3 Qc7 13.Qe2 As Anish unsurprisingly realized, Black badly needs some space and play, so f6 14.exf6 gxf6 is critical and if 15.c4 O-O-O 'with a double-edged position'. White can though be slightly sneaky with 15.Rb1 This keeps ideas of both c4 and h5 in reserve, while hoping to attack on the queenside: Bd6 16.c4 dxc4 17.Bxc4 Nce5 might be the critical line. After 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 White can check or calmly go 19.Nd2 0-0 20.Bb2 retaining decent compensation thanks to the pressure down the e-file and Black's fragmented kingside. Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #15]

10.h5 In my opinion, the most consistent plan. Grabbing more space and asking Black if they would like to take on c3 now. 10.a3 was the choice of MVL to score an important win at the FIDE Grand Swiss, a qualification event to the Candidates tournament: 1-0 CC StartBracket CC 26 CC EndBracket CC Vachier Lagrave, M. CC StartBracket CC 2763 CC EndBracket CC -Ponkratov, P. CC StartBracket CC 2659 CC EndBracketCC Riga 2021.

[10.Nbd2 Again we quite like this Carlsenesque approach. It should be noted that Hector initially went 10.h5 (Before switching to 10. Na3; neither approach is exactly terrible.) But we feel that White can do better, be that with the text or even the engine-approved 10.a3!? , simply angling to seize space with b4 . dxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 This makes sense, eyeing c4 and freeing c6 for the other knight. 12.Ba3 An improvement over the 12.Nb3 of Lopez Gracia-Villuendas Valero, Zaragoza 2017, where Black might just have gone 12...Nec6 . Rc8 13.Rc1 13.Rb1 Qd8 14.Nb3 is also pretty logical, but we quite like the calm text move, simply defending the c-pawn, preparing c4 and emphasising how it's not so easy for

Black to free his position. For example: Nc4 does prevent c4, but that's the end of the good news for Black: 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.Ne4 leaves White doing extremely well, and if Nf5 16.Bxf8 Rxf8 17.g4 Theory 4C: 5... Qb6-Advance French 5...Qb6 #2]

10...Rc8 We reactthe same as after CC StartFEN CC r3kb1r/pp1bnpp1/1qn1p2p/3pP3/3p3P/2PB1N2/PP3PP1/RNBQR1K1 w kq - 0 10 CC EndFEN CC 10.a3 . The Rook is always well placed on c8. Another developing move and Black is maintaining the d4/c3 tension. This is the most common option and now we have a crossroad of similar ideas. 11.Nbd2 We won't check every single possibility for White because the line is quite fresh and the number of examples is limited. You should just get the ideas behind the moves you play and you should be able to navigate the unknown complications. White's point behind 11.Nbd2 is to play Rb1 or Nb3 next. That means a waiting move like 11...a6? will be a mistake. Instead, we need to act. This is the most common as White 'gives up' on the staring contest. However if you checked out the alternative 9. Nbd2, thebxc3 recapture is also very venomous so we don't actually mind it. 11...dxc3 The 2nd choice available is 11... Nf5 and I was even ready to suggest it as our repertoire line but I am not so sure if I love the Knight on f5 here. Nothing concrete, just a general feeling. Black makes the capture as we don't have Nxc3 available. 12.bxc3 Na5 A very strong idea, fighting against the c4 plan and freeing the c6-square for the other Knight. As a bonus, we threaten ...Rxc3. A strong reply from Black to put pressure on the c3 and c4-squares.

13.Rb1 In this complex position it seems like we have enough compensation for the pawn but it is dynamically balanced. In practice White has had positive results. 13...Qc7 We should keep our Queen active and renew the threat to the c3-pawn. This time, we want to take it with the Queen! 14.Bb2 White defends c3 but the b-file is blocked and we can go along with our planned idea.

[14.Ba3 Forcing Black to be very precise and sacrificing a second pawn. 14.Nb3 is also possible: 14...Nxb3 15.axb3 Nc6?! Black needed to grab 15...Qxc3 when 16.b4!? is full compensation according to the engine. 16.Bf4 Be7 17.b4 a5?! 18.b5 Nb8 19.Rc1 Qb6 20.Nd4 Bc5 21.Qg4 With massive positional domination for White achieved by one of the variation's strongest practicioners: 1 - 0 CC StartBracket CC 44 CC EndBracket CC Shevchenko, K. CC StartBracket CC 2652 CC EndBracket CC -Rustemov, A. CC StartBracket CC 2525 CC EndBracket CC Chess.com INT 2022. Qxc3 The brave option is best. 15.Nb3 Nxb3 16.Rxb3 Qa5 17.Qb1 17.Qa1!? was a super deep move to prevent Rc3. 17...Nc6 18.Bxf8 Kxf8 19.Rxb7 1/2-1/2 CC StartBracket CC 42 CC EndBracket

CC Kacprzak, K. CCStartBracket CC2226CCEndBracket CC -Luberanski, J. CC StartBracket CC 2243 CC EndBracket CC Karpacz 2022. Rc3 This is best but the variations are very tough for Black. 18.Rxc3 There were other tries CCStartBracket CC 18.Rxb7 or 18. Bd6 CCEndBracket CC but I want to show this one. Qxc3 19.Qxb7 Qxa3 20.Bb5 Bxb5 21.Qxb5+ Kd8 22.Nd4 Qc3 23.Rb1 In a conceptual sense are bringing our pieces into the attack. In a practical sense, these moves just work! Qxd4 24.Qa5+ Qb6 25.Rxb6 axb6 26.Qxb6+ Kc8 27.a4 Black is technically up material but is completely lost due to our passed pawn. 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline]

14...Nec6 Next we will develop the Bishop to e7 and if necessary play ...a6. 15.Qe2 Be7 16.Rbc1 Qb6 We want the Queen on d8 but provoking the Rook to b1 is useful. 17.Rb1 Qd8 ...a6 followed by ...b5 is probably coming next. 18) Advance - 6.Bd3-9.h4 h6 10.h5 #3

12 **11...Be7** Developing is logical. 12.Nbd4 0-0 Very natural but premature! 13.h4 Maybe Black erroneously assumed this wasn't possible, but the h4-pawn is immune due to Qh5 tactics. In practice, Black has quickly achieved dubious positions CCStartBracket CC3 games from 2 GMs and 1 IM! CCEndBracket CC. 13...Qc7 It is no surprise this move is untested in practice as Black likely hasn't calculated the resulting positions. 14.Nxc6 Resolving the pressure against e5. 14.Qe2 Ngxe5! The hard-to-spot tactical point behind 13...Qc7 which ends in equal endgames: 15.Nxe5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Qxc3 17.Bxh7+ Kxh7 18. Nxe6! Qxe5 18...Rfc8 19.Qxc3 Rxc3 20.Nc7 Rxc7 21.Rxe7= 19. Nxf8+ Rxf8 20.Rxe5 Bf6 21.Rxd5 Be6 22.Rh5+ Kg6 23.Rg5+ Bxg5 24.Bxg5= 14...Bxc6 15.h5 Nh4 16.Nxh4 Bxh4 17.Qg4 Bd8 A possible continuation is: 18.Bh6 Threatening mate. 18...f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qxe6+ Qf7 21.Qxf7+ Rxf7 22.Bd2 With equal material and an equal endgame. 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline

13 **14.Nbd4** Na5 15.g3 Very positional. The experienced GM Peter Acs quickly dominated his FM opponent: 15...O-O 16.h4 f6? Black must've had a tough time staying passive but this is the wrong moment to lash out. 17.exf6 Bxf6 18.h5 Ne7 19.Nxe6 Bxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Ne5 Nac6 22. Nf7+ Rxf7 23.Bf4 Qa5 24.Qxf7 Qxc3 25.Re3 h6 26.Bxh6 Rg8 27.Bh7!? White is having too much fun. 27...Nd8 28.Qxe7 Qd4 29. Qd7 Kxh7 30.Bf4 Qc4 31.Qf5+ Kh8 32.Rbe1 1-0 CC StartBracket CC 32 CC EndBracket CC Acs, P. CCStartBracket CC2560CCEndBracket CC -Steindl, J. CCStartBracket CC2247CCEndBracket CC Austria 2022 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector Mbg Mainline

14 **14.Nd3** b6 Stopping Nc5 ideas.

15.Rc1 Qd7 16.h3 A sneaky prophylactic move. 16...g5 17.f4 Will show the point of h3 in a moment. 17...g4 18.hxg4 This is the point of h3, when we force ...fxg4 and we can rush the f-pawn forwards. 18...fxg4 19.f5 Bxf5 20.Rxf5 Qxf5 21.Rxc6 Materially and positionally White is doing great! Line 23) French Defense: The 'Hect-French Hector MBG: 5... Qb6 /